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More than five thousand attend

Citizen Potawatomis enjoy Family Reunion Festival

Special to the HowNiKan
by Donna Schoenkopf

It's Saturday, June 25, 2011. The wind is blowing hot and strong, sucking the moisture out of everything at the annual Potawatomis Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma. But the grassy lawns with colorful pop-up tents are shaded by trees. Frisky little electric carts carry passengers to and from their vehicles. Everything has been meticulously thought out, and none of the 5,126 people who have come to attend will pass out under the blazing sun.

"The best thing today?" Kim Anderson says, while eating a giant bratwurst, "is my son. I got to see my son for the first time in several months." She smiles at her son, who smiles back.

Debbie Stiles is thinking along the same lines. "The best thing?" she says. "I'm blessed to have my family with me. We buried a family member yesterday, so today we're happy we're here with each other."

On the way to the archery contest, I meet some young men who are on their way to



The dance arena canopy afforded heat relief for 5,100 Festivalgoers.

their truck to cool off. Storm, one of the three amigos, tells me they've just won the basketball tournament, without Kane, the second amigo, who is tall and athletic and a 2006 Shawnee High School football player. The third amigo, Caleb, is striking

with his red Mohawk, a dagger earring in one ear lobe and a blue one in the other, red beard, his eyelashes tipped blond, sparkling blue eyes. He is headed to Iraq, as an Army infantry man.

In the distance is the arena, where the Grand Entry and Pow Wow Dance will be starting at 8 pm. It is beautiful. It is quiet. There is a lovely light over the place. It feels like a sanctuary or a church. The blue sky through the hole in the top of the tent, the oaks around the perimeter of the arena, the almost empty bleachers, the golden stripes of light on the grass from the sunshine coming through the slits between the strips of canvas, all make for an almost heavenly feeling. I stop and watch the canvas making slow, floating movements as the wind blows.

Outside, there aren't huge crowds, jostling and pushing, but there are people
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Walking On

Leona Mae (Rush) Nalley



Leona Mae (Rush) Nalley was born on February 28, 1932, the daughter of Connie Ishmel Rush and Ruby Mae (Housley) Rush in Kiowa, Oklahoma. She passed away of a heart attack in her home in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma, on February 18, 2011.

Leona is survived by her husband of 64 years, Raymond Nalley; her daughter Patri-

cia (Nalley) Dore, her son-in-law, James Dore; and her granddaughter Amy Dore, all of Highlands Ranch, Colorado; a grandson, Gregory Dore; a granddaughter-in-law, Annie Dore; and a great-grandson, Coen Dore of Oak Creek, Colorado. Her sisters, Norma DeShazo and Sue Elrod of Arkansas, and her brothers, Charles Rush of Arizona and Bill Rush of Texas, also survive her. Her parents, three sisters, and one brother preceded her in death.

Raymond and Leona were married in McAlester, Oklahoma on August 30, 1946. Her family was already making plans for their 65th wedding celebration in August 2011. The Nalleys moved to Pauls Valley in 1955, where they became integral members of the community. Leona worked for several local businesses throughout her life, including C.R. Anthony Company, Safeway, Red Bud Grocery, and Pauls Valley General Hospital. Leona and Raymond also built and owned three laundromats in Pauls Valley and Wynnewood, Oklahoma. Leona was a member of Beaty Baptist Church, where she enjoyed time spent with the ladies in her Sunday School Bible study.

Leona was many things to many people: loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and loyal friend. Her

greatest attribute was the unconditional love she had for family. She was so proud of her grandchildren, and her great-grandson Coen was the crowning glory for both Leona and Raymond. The family talked to Leona and Raymond every evening on the telephone; each conversation ended with "I love you, guys" from both parties.

Leona enjoyed cooking and sewing. She even learned how to "video-chat" with her great-grandson. Leona and Raymond were known for making countless fried pies for the Relay for Life each year. Leona set an example for her family by demonstrating kindness, Christianity, and doing for others. She complained little and praised often, even as she fought a five-year battle with lung cancer. Our lives were better because of her, and although our hearts are broken that she is no longer with us, we praise God for the many wonderful years we had with her.

A celebration of Leona's life was held on Friday, February 25, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Stufflebean-Coffey Funeral Home. Interment followed at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley. In her honor, memorials may go to the American Lung Association <http://www.lungusa.org/donate/> or to the Pauls Valley Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), 300 E. Airport Industrial Rd., Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

homa. He was born on November 8, 1967 in Whiteriver, Arizona.

Mike, a Professor of Social Work, was a faculty member at Missouri Western University in St. Joseph, Missouri. As a former professor at Arizona State University, he was instrumental in creation of the Indigenous Early Intervention Alliance, an organization focused on supporting indigenous children through culturally-based early childhood intervention. He personally established scholarship opportunities for Native American students and served in various capacities to improve education for Native American children.

Prof. Niles' survivors include his family in Oklahoma, Lisa, Brady, Halle, and his daughter, Hope; his brother, Mark Niles, and sisters Barbara Karkula and Lori Harrison; as well as his mother.

Services were held on Tuesday, May 31, at 10:00 a.m. at Church of the Valley, 4101 East Shea Blvd., Phoenix, Arizona. Burial followed immediately at Paradise Memorial Gardens, 9300 East Shea Blvd., Scottsdale. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Nauwich Foundation, Office of American Indian Projects, 411 North Central Avenue, Suite 800, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 or to Native American Connections, 4520 North Central Avenue, Suite 600, Phoenix, AZ 85012.

Michael David Niles



Michael David Niles, age 43, son of the late Philip Niles and Esther Niles, passed away on May 23, 2011 in Owasso, Okla-

Phillip Martin Rafferty

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. - Phillip Martin Rafferty, resident of Bartlesville, died on Saturday, May 14, 2011, at Bartlesville Care Center. He was 86.

Mr. Rafferty was born in Konawa, Oklahoma on February 21, 1925, the son of Martin Ernest Rafferty and Grace Helen Weld. He was raised on a 40-acre farm in Sacred Heart, where he attended Catholic school. He later attended Bethel Consolidated High School in Bethel Acres, Oklahoma, completing just one year of high school before being called to service in World War II.

Phillip was inducted into service on July 13, 1943, a private first class assigned to the 25th Medical Depot Company based in India and Burma. In the service he drove

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trucks - hauling rations, supplies, equipment, and personnel, including the wounded, over all types of roads in all types of weather. In total, Phillip served 20 months in the China-India-Burma theater.

It was during this time that Phillip lost the index and middle fingers of his left hand, a trademark for those who knew him well, especially his children and grandchildren who spent untold hours playing with the stump of his middle finger. Phillip was honorably discharged from service at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas on March 16, 1946, having received the Meritorious Unit Award, American Theater Service Ribbon, Asiatic-Pacific Theater Service Ribbon with two Bronze Stars, Good Conduct Medal, and Victory Ribbon.

He returned to Shawnee after the war, where he met Anna Sue Brown. They were married in El Reno, Oklahoma on November 30, 1948, a marriage that has lasted more than 62 years. Phillip first worked at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City before eventually moving to Ponca City to work for the Santa Fe Railroad. After that, he worked for the United States Postal Service, from which he retired in 1983 following more than 20 years of service.

Phillip was a member of the Church of Christ and served the church in many capacities throughout the years. He was most active in his role as deacon for Golden Age Ministries while at Ponca City.

He later moved with Anna to Tonkawa, Oklahoma. He kept a beautiful lawn, tended to his pecan trees, and enjoyed many years there before finally relocating to Bartlesville in 2001, where he became a

member of Adams Boulevard Church of Christ. Phillip was also a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and held every office within the organization. He logged more than 25,000 miles transporting veterans to and from their health care appointments at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Oklahoma City. He also served as a volunteer at Jane Phillips Medical Center in Bartlesville.

Phillip is survived by his loving wife, Anna, of the home; his four children, Michael Rafferty and wife Connie of Torrington, Wyoming, Marty Rafferty and wife Laura of Liberty, Missouri, Carla Rafferty of Ponca City, and Marc Rafferty and wife Michelle of Tulsa; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

A short memorial service was held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at Walker-Brown Funeral Home in Bartlesville. Interment followed at 3 p.m. at Dale Cemetery in Dale, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 65, 300 East Angus Avenue, Dewey, OK 74029.

Sarah Rae Smith

A graveside service was held for Sarah Rae Smith, infant daughter of Andy and Ivy Smith, at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, June 24, 2011 in the Rose Hill Cemetery in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Sarah Rae Smith was born on Friday, June 17, 2011. She died on Friday, June 17, 2011, at Grady Memorial Hospital in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

The service was under the direction of Ferguson Funeral Home.

Florence 'Grace' (Burns) Singer

Grace Singer, 79, of Ottawa, Illinois died on Sunday, March 6, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Illinois. A funeral service was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2011 in the Mueller Funeral Home, in Ottawa with Rev. Peter Brick, Pastor, of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial followed in Oakwood Memorial Park. Visitation was from 4 to 7p.m. on Wednesday, March 9 at the funeral home.

Grace was born on September 24, 1931 in Rocky Ford, Colorado, the daughter of Louis and Estella (Stamp) Burns. She graduated from high school in Mayetta, Kansas. She married Robert A. Singer on September 6, 1951 in the First Baptist Church in Ottawa; he died on November 24, 2007. She



was a member of First Baptist Church. She was proud of her heritage as a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

She is survived by one son, Charles Singer and his wife Patricia of Ottawa; one granddaughter, Leigh Ann Martic; one great-granddaughter, Liliana Martic; one brother, Edwin Burns of Rocky Ford, and his wife Ella; and one sister, Dorothy (Delbert) Spencer and her husband Delbert of Rocky Ford.

She was preceded in death, by her husband Robert; one son, Robert Scott; three brothers, Joseph, Albert, and Thomas; four sisters, Verna Felps, Georgia Hayes, Ruby Seley, and Norma Goheen; and one sister, Edna, who died in infancy.

Pallbearers were Gary, Greg, and Rick Graffis and Ted, Thomas, and T.J. Moore. Memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

The Hon. William A. Vincent Jr.

The Honorable William A. 'Wild Bill' Vincent Jr., 58, of Farmington, New Mexico passed from this life on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. He was born on July 13, 1952, in Farmington, where he lived the majority of his life. After graduating from high school, he started his working career in the oil field, constructing well sites for oil and natural gas.

Life transitioned him to law enforcement, where he served San Juan County as a Sheriff's Deputy for eight years. Through that experience he continued to focus his life on the law and decided to run for the elected position as Farmington's Magistrate Judge. He proudly served the Farmington community as Magistrate for the next 16



years.

Driven by a lifelong desire to join the military, he became a member of the New Mexico State Guard, where he continued until the end to serve his state as the Top Sergeant for this region.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Linda R. Vincent; his parents, Bill and Betty Vincent; his brothers 'Baby' and Bryan Joseph Vincent; his grandparents, Allen Earl and Sarah Francis Clark Vincent and Emmitt Jerome and Nora Kirkham Bowles.

He is survived by his sons, William and Beau Vincent; daughters-in-law, Jessica and Jamie Vincent; and six grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, David A. McManus, and a sister, Cynthia A. Vincent Charbonneau.

Rosary was at 7 p.m. on Monday, June 20, 2011 at Brewer, Lee & Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St. in Farmington. A Memorial Mass was held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 21, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 414 N. Allen Ave. in Farmington. Father Tim Farrell was the celebrant. Inurnment followed at Greenlawn Cemetery, 1606 N. Dustin Ave. in Farmington. Pallbearers were his sons, William A. Vincent III and Beau Ray Vincent.

Those who wish to send condolences may do so at www.danielsfuneral.com. Arrangements were handled by Brewer, Lee & Larkin Funeral Home, 103 E. Ute St. in Farmington,

Linda D. Rickson

Linda D. (Westfall) Rickson, age 63, of

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CPN member Jon Boursaw relates CPN's Kansas history

Symphony of the Flint Hills draws TWO large crowds

(Editor's note: CPN member/Kansan Jon Boursaw spoke of Citizen Potawatomi history in Kansas at the 2011 Symphony of the Flint Hills in Wabaunsee County, Kansas. His first-hand account of the experience follows, accompanied by a Topeka Capital-Journal story.)

I had the pleasure this year of being invited to serve as a presenter at the 2011 Symphony of the Flint Hills. The topic of my presentation was the History of Citizen Potawatomi Nation with emphasis on the period of time we spent on the Kansas Reservation, 1846 to the 1870s.

The Symphony of the Flint Hills is an annual event that centers on the Kansas City Symphony performing a program of Americana-themed music in the middle of the Tallgrass area of the Kansas Flint Hills. This year's event took place 12 miles southwest of the small town of Alma, Kansas, which happens to be the county seat for Wabaunsee County. The annual event has become so popular that a capacity crowd of more than 7,600 purchased the \$76 general admission tickets within 32 minutes from the time they went on sale.

I was asked to hold two sessions of my presentation during the afternoon prior to the evening Symphony performance. My presentations were in an open-sided tent with seating capacity for 144 individuals. I am pleased to say that all seats were occupied for both performances with several individuals standing around the outer edges of the tent. My brother, Lyman, who attended the second session estimated that at least 50 people were standing for the second session.

Key points of my presentation consisted of how we arrived in Kansas, identification of a few of the noteworthy tribal members during our stay on the Kansas Reservation, what services we offered those on the Oregon Trail as they passed through the Reservation, and the Treaties of 1861 and 1867, that are so important to our formation as a Nation. I continue to be amazed by just how interested people become in Citizen Potawatomi history once they realize that we were part of the Kansas history. I answered questions for several minutes after each of the presentations.

I had the pleasure of meeting Peter Coyote, the actor, after my first presentation. He



Above, CPN member/proud Kansan Jon Boursaw relates Citizen Potawatomi history at the Symphony of the Flint Hills event. Above right, actor Peter Coyote and, middle right, Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback also addressed the symphony audience, which was large, as seen in the photo at bottom right.

served as the narrator for part of the evening performance. During the intermission of the evening performance I had an opportunity to speak with the Kansas Governor Sam Brownback, who is familiar with a portion of our history in Kansas. He grew up on a farm on what was the Sugar Creek Reservation, our final destination at the end of the Trail of Death. We spoke briefly about the commemorative plaques and memorials that honor this part of our history.

It was with a great deal of pride and humility that I was able to represent the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at this event and once again tell our story.

by Bill Blankenship, Topeka Capital-Journal

VOLLAND, Kansas - Missouri might have provided the orchestra, but Kansas supplied the venue Saturday evening for what Gov. Sam Brownback renamed the Symphonies in the Flint Hills. "I say 'symphonies' because your senses will be flooded by two symphonies tonight: One of nature, one of man. One to the ear, and one to the eye. One of biology, the other of music," Brownback said from the stage of the huge band shell erected in the Fix Pasture of the Volland Ranch in Wabaunsee County.

Behind the governor was the Kansas City Symphony, which performed a program of Americana-themed music at the sixth edition of the event that has grown so

popular that a capacity crowd of 7,500 snatched up the \$75 general admission tickets in 32 minutes after they went on sale. Brownback said it was the third time he had attended a Symphony in the Flint Hills, calling it one of his favorite events and one about which Kansans should take pride.

"We in the Midwest can often feel left out as we see the contrails of jets flying overhead and wonder if the people even know we're here or even care, but tonight we do something that no one else in America can do. We do a symphony in the tall grass prairie," the event's honorary chairman said. "Now we're the only ones that can do this not because other people don't have symphonies. It's because there's no prairie left."

The governor spoke of the effort by the federal government and private nature conservation entities to conserve 1.1 million acres of the remaining prairie "to preserve this land as it is, in private hands, but not developed until the end of time. We need to do this to preserve this land," said Brownback, drawing applause from the audience.

"We are the stewards of the last stand of the tallgrass prairie, and we need to take that seriously," Brownback said. "It's time we celebrate it and preserve it and share it with the rest of the world. We need to start celebrating who we are and stop lamenting who we aren't."

"You know mountains inspire awe, but prairies inspire peace and inner quiet and



strength of character. Each has its place in the symphony of mankind," said Brownback, who encouraged those at the Symphony in the Flint Hills to enjoy the music but also look around and appreciate an "incredible and unique place in the world."

That is what many spectators did, with some even turning their lawn chairs to watch the sun set as they listened to the Kansas City Symphony perform a concert that included works to mark not only the sesquicentennial of Kansas statehood but also the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Those works included "Ashokan Farewell," the lament filmmaker Ken Burns used for his "Civil War" series and Aaron Copland's "Lincoln Portrait," with actor Peter Coyote, a former chairman of the California Arts Council, narrating the work with the reading of excerpts of Abraham Lincoln's letters and speeches, including the Gettysburg Address.

The evening even featured a sing-along of "Home on the Range" to an orchestral arrangement of the official Kansas state song.

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Happy 100th - Rilda Vandagriff

Patricia Rilda (Pearce) Vandagriff was born on March 17, 1911, in Purcell, Oklahoma. She celebrated her 100th birthday on March 17, 2011 and is going strong, looking forward to birthday 101 in 2012.

She is the youngest of seven children born to William C. Pearce and Carrie (Wickens) Pearce. She was reared in Purcell, born in the house in which she resided for 95 years.



Mrs. Vandagriff attended Our Lady of Victory Catholic School in Purcell for nine years, and then attended St. Joseph's Catholic High School in Oklahoma City. She graduated from St. Joseph's in 1930. She married Nevels 'Buddy' Vandagriff in 1930, and the pair were parents of two children.

Mrs. Vandagriff has four grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and five great-great-grandchildren.

She is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation; her great-grandfather, William Burnett, was a Citizen Potawatomi chief.

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CPN Veterans Organization



Bozho, Veterans,

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veterans Organization Color Guard was honored in the July 4th parade in Shawnee. It was also represented in the dedication of the Huey Assault Helicopter installed on the grounds of the Shawnee Veterans Memorial Park.

One of the speakers was retired Captain Ford, who dedicated the Huey. He flew the aircraft in Vietnam, racking up some 1,200 sorties in a year. He talked about getting hit and barely making it back to base.

Clyde Yates and I are on the board of directors of the Memorial. The park is looking great but there is still a lot of work to do. If you are interested in buying pavers (bricks with your name and service information on them), please contact Clyde at 405-650-0529.

The new Shawnee mayor is 100 percent behind the Memorial Park and has agreed to help in anyway she can.

Things in the works include finding our brothers who are fighting for our country and sending them a note and care package letting them know we care about them.

I guess I'll close with letting you members know that I'm stepping down as Commander, it has been four-and-one-half years of trials and tribulations, but the Veterans Organization is solid and a proud organization, Thank you for your support over the years.

Migwetch, May God Bless Our Troops,
 Keith Cagle, Commander

Potawatomi Leadership Program 2011



Ten bright Potawatomi young people learned more about the Nation through the 2011 edition of the Potawatomi Leadership Program. They are, back row, Matt Beil, Jordyn Snow, Austin Ross (counselor), Eric Bruno, Justin Van Vleet, and Austen Roselius. And, on the front row, Mariah Beauford, Kylie Lowe, Lakota Pochedley; Susannah Basappa, and Selena Crowley. At left, Matt Beil receives his Potawatomi name from Language Program Director Justin Neely.

Read the PLPer's reactions to this experience in Rep. David Barrett's column on page 15.

CPN member caps outstanding Shawnee High career

Whitney Heer headed to Naval Prep Academy

By Nancy Cook-Senn – Shawnee News-Star Contributing Writer

SHAWNEE, Okla. - Whitney Heer is about to fly. Like other new graduates (Shawnee High School '11), she's flying into an unknown future, soaring into a world of possibilities. But, in addition, Heer is taking the next step in fulfilling her dream of becoming a fighter pilot. She's entering the U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island, where she'll tackle a heavy load of academic subjects, play sports, and learn the ways of the military.

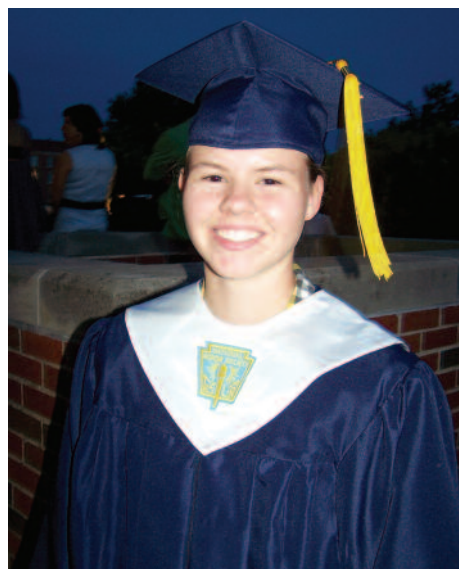
Upon successful completion of that year, she'll become a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. "I've loved airplanes as long as I can remember," Heer said, "and I attended the OU Sooner Flight Academy for six years. I think I was about eight years old when the Flight Academy had a summer satellite event at Gordon Cooper (Technology Center, where her mother Patty Heer was employed at the time). It really spurred my interest."

At about age 10, Heer decided to aim for a military academy. She began planning, making sure to take advantage of leadership opportunities, and taking science, math, pre-engineering studies, language, multimedia, and business classes. And, in 2007, she joined the Oklahoma Wing of the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force. CAP's missions include providing emergency services, aerospace education, and a cadet program for teen participation. She was named Oklahoma Wing Cadet of the Year 2011.

It was her CAP squadron commander, Navy Lt. Meredith Albrecht, who urged her to target the Naval Academy. The application process began more than a year ago and included fitness tests, essays, and interviews. Heer needed one recommendation from a U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative, or the Vice President. Heer obtained two — one from Sen. James Mountain Inhofe and one from then-Rep. (now-Oklahoma Gov.) Mary Fallin.

To win Rep. Fallin's recommendation, Heer met with her and a panel of armed services officials.

"I knew there would be several people there, but I walked in and there was the Tin-



(At left) CPN member Whitney Heer graduated from Shawnee High in May and is headed to the U.S. Naval Academy.

ker squadron commander, an Air Force colonel, a Guard lieutenant colonel, a Navy commander. Whew!" she said with a laugh. "But I sat up straight, directed my attention to the person talking to me, and answered all their questions."

Heer added, "I knew you had to be alert, observant, and have an answer for whatever they asked. They might ask you about what's on the wall behind you in a room you just entered. I felt good. I wore my Civil Air dress blues. I forgot to salute when I went in, but I found out later that was proper for indoors in that situation. So it's all good."

The panel was especially interested in Heer's participation in FIRST Robotics competitions through her classes at Gordon Cooper Tech. She had won second place in the statewide engineering design contest. "My team did a 'Real World Design Challenge' project, designing an air wing to increase lift and minimize drag," she said. "We had to build a model, test it in the wind tunnel and print the project on a 3-D printer, then do a presentation."

Heer's team was split between the morning class and the afternoon class at Gordon Cooper. That had team members doing a lot of late meetings at IHOP to confer on their findings.



Also at Gordon Cooper, Heer participated in SkillsUSA business, technical, and workplace readiness programs, placing second in the state-level extemporaneous speaking competition for the last three years.

She played tuba, sousaphone, and trombone in the Shawnee High School Bands and was Soccer Senior of the Year at SHS. Heer also volunteers at Wesley United Methodist Church, at the International Finals Youth Rodeo, and at soccer and engineering camps.

She is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, has run her own lawn-care service, and has run a marathon.

The secret of her multitasking success? "Time management," Heer said emphatically. "Get your planner and work it all out. Set your goals and ask 'What am I doing that will help me later?'"

She does caution against overextending oneself: "Make sure you have time for you. Enjoy it all; make time to study and time to be yourself. Don't neglect your friends," she says.

Heer said her parents, John and Patty Heer, have always been supportive of her efforts. "Dad's pretty quiet but I know he's proud of me, except that he's losing his hunting buddy," Whitney said. "Mom's a

mom; she's proud but a little worried, too."

Heer seems undaunted by the challenges before her. I know there's a lot thrown at you all at once and you can't fully prepare," she admitted. "It will be a big change - in climate and people. And I'm going back to enlisted status after reaching cadet lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol and being an officer over others. But I'm going there to develop morally, mentally, and physically. It's pretty awesome."

Some of Heer's awards and honors also include:

2011

- o Gordon Cooper Technology Center Outstanding Pre-Engineering Student, Epsilon Sigma Alpha Outstanding Youth.

2010

- o U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar

2009

- o NASA INSPIRE Summer Collegiate Experience

- o 12th place in SkillsUSA National Extemporaneous Speaking

- o Second place in SkillsUSA State Extemporaneous Speaking

- o First place in SkillsUSA Regional Extemporaneous Speaking

2007

- o Second place Regional Science Fair
- o First place Local Science Fair

- o Discovery Channel Young Scientists Challenge

- o Navy and Marine Corps Science Award

To schedule the CPN Veterans Organization Color Guard, contact Herb Holton at 405-598-5984 or e-mail him at herb39h@valornet.com.



KGFF-AM, "The Native American Speaks among outlets

On Air: Tribes use radio to reach citizens

Across Indian Country, commercial radio has become a way reach tribal diasporas, preserve tribal languages and promote government services. For the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, commercial radio was a way to simply get the word out about the tribe's services and businesses. The tribe purchased KGFF-AM 1450 in 1999 after a nine-month management agreement.

"At the time, we (the Citizen Potawatomi Nation) didn't have nearly as many enterprises," Michael Dodson, the tribe's Public Information Officer, said. "KGFF was a way to advertise our enterprises in the communities we do business in. It's also a way to counter-balance what might be said about the tribe in the mainstream media."

Reaching portions of the Chickasaw, Muscogee (Creek), Sac and Fox, Seminole, and Absentee Shawnee nations, Most of KGFF's current programming is mainstream, including Shawnee High School and Oklahoma Baptist University athletics. However, the station does air a half-hour program on Sunday morning that focuses on the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and contemporary issues in Indian Country.

Launched in the 1970s by the non-profit organization Americans for Indian Opportunity, "The Native American Speaks" originally had a pan-Indian focus. Five years ago, the group decided to abandon the program and Dodson, who was freelancing for the program at the time, approached the program manager at KOKC-AM about keeping the show on the air at the same time on Sunday mornings, but with a Citizen Potawatomi focus instead. Between the show's early Sunday morning time-slot and its ready availability online through the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's website, a sizeable portion of the show's audience lives outside the tribe's jurisdiction.

"We're on before dawn on KOKC, which means the signal's available across most of the western United States," Dodson said. "I've received listener feedback from as far away as Idaho from folks who were up that early delivering papers, caught the show and liked what they heard."

In fall 2009, the Chickasaw Nation became the second Oklahoma tribe to acquire a commercial radio station. Broadcasting out of Ada, the daily schedule for KCNP-



MCN Editor Rebecca Landsberry and MCN Communications Manager Gerald Wofford, co-hosts of Mvskoke Radio. Photo by Ruth Bible, Muscogee Nation News

FM 89.5 carries a mix of music and local and national news programming, including the national call-in show "Native America Calling" on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. One of the station's locally-produced call-in shows, "Connections," features guests each week who are experts on a specific topic, such as diabetes prevention, traditional Chickasaw games, and historic Chickasaw sites. The half-hour show airs on Wednesdays at 11 with previous episodes available on the station's website, <http://www.kcnpradio.org>.

A handful of other Oklahoma tribes have opted for individual weekly broadcasts rather than purchase an entire station. "Cherokee Voices, Cherokee Sounds," hosted by Dennis Sixkiller and bankrolled by the state's largest tribe, is an hour-long program carried by four stations in north-eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas. The program features a blend of traditional Cherokee music, interviews with tribal officials and elders and news pieces on services and programs offered by the tribe. The tribe's website, www.cherokee.org, also has previous episodes of the show available for download as podcasts.

The Kiowa Tribe, the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and the Seminole Nation also host weekly live radio shows that highlight tribal programs, news within the nation, and local guests. All three programs also conduct portions of the program in their respective tribal languages. For smaller tribes, such as the Seminole, the weekly program includes reading off birthdays and obituaries of tribal members, prayer requests and announcements from churches within the jurisdiction.

"Some of the bigger newspapers don't cover us smaller tribes unless there's some-



KGFF manager Mike Askins broadcasts from the station's studios inside FireLake Discount Foods.

thing bad going on at a casino," Dodson said. "This is a way to counter-balance some of the messages about Natives that folks in the Shawnee area get."

Oklahoma's Native American Radio Programs

Cherokee: "Cherokee Voices, Cherokee Sounds"

9 a.m. Sundays on KEOK-FM 102.1, KUOA-AM 1290

Noon Sundays on KTLQ-AM 1350,

KRSC-FM 91.3

5 p.m. Wednesdays on KTLQ-AM 1350

8 a.m. Saturdays on KRSC - FM 91.3

Chickasaw Nation: KCNP-FM 89.5

Citizen Potawatomi Nation: "The Native American Speaks"

8:30 a.m. Sundays on KOKC-AM 1500 and 5:00 a.m. Sundays on KGFF-AM 1450

Kiowa: "Kiowa Voices"

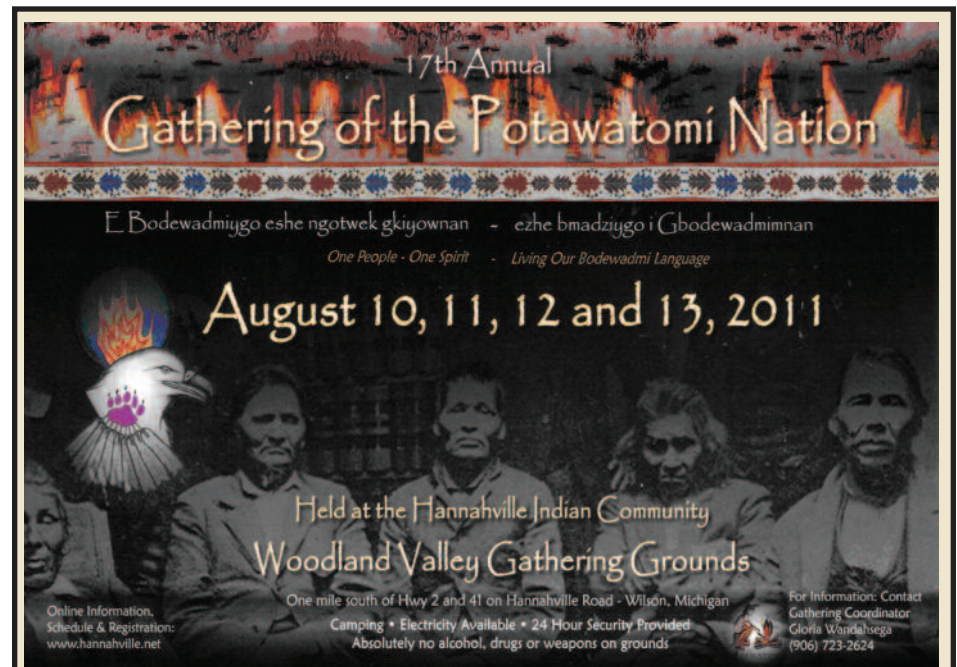
Noon Sundays on KACO-FM 98.5

Muscogee (Creek): "Mvskoke Radio Live"

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays on KOKL-AM 1240

Seminole: "Seminole Nation Weekly Radio Show"

11 a.m. Tuesdays on KWSH-AM 1260 and rebroadcast at 10 a.m. Sundays on KADA-FM 99.3 and KADA-AM 1230



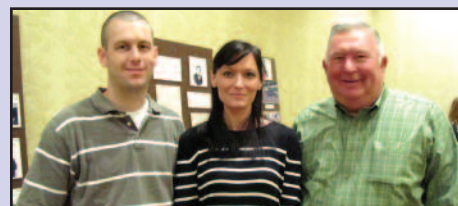
Potawatomi Gathering Bus Trip

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation will provide free bus travel to the Annual "Gathering of the Nations" for tribal members and their immediate families. A chartered bus will leave the Potawatomi Nation headquarters, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive in Shawnee, at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2011, and the bus will leave to return home on Sunday, August 14, 2011. The bus will arrive back in Shawnee the afternoon of Monday, August 15, 2011.

A \$50 per passenger refundable deposit is required. Tribal members who attend the Gathering will be responsible for their own food, lodging, and incidentals expenses. To reserve a seat on the bus or obtain more information, please call Cathie Hanson at 275-3121 x 1434 or 800-880-9880. There is limited seating available.

Tribal Area Gathering - Kansas City, Kansas - May 14, 2011

Braddock Dillion with Jaxsen & Reality Crawford of Kansas City, Missouri are descendants of the Vieux family.



Ryan Perkins and Kelli Mosteller Perkins stand next to Jon Boursaw. Kelli is the director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center.



John & Christina of Bonner Springs, Kansas

Members of the Spalding family listen intently to Chairman Barrett's Presentation.



Bob Spalding of Kansas City, Kansas, Mike Pound of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jon Boursaw of Topeka, Kansas.



Matt and Megan Krogman of Brookfield, Wisconsin are shown with their grandmother, Donna Widmer of Columbia, Missouri. Matt and Megan are both college students.



Pamela Hughes was a guest of Laura and Lenny Weinstein of Kansas City, Missouri.



Eldest tribal member present was Lyman Boursaw, age 78, who is the Regional Housing Director at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation property in Rossville, Kansas.

Chairman John Barrett presents a Pendleton blanket to the youngest enrolled tribal member present, five-year old Tobius Kriner of Olathe, Kansas. Tobius is a descendant of the Bourbonnais family.



Donna Widmer received the award for traveling the longest distance from Columbia, Missouri. Donna is a descendant of the Bertrand family.



Hurb and Elizabeth Adams (right) pose with his cousin and her husband Elizabeth and Robert Bigler. Hurb and Elizabeth are from Rossville while Elizabeth and Robert live in Kansas City, Missouri.



Legislator Roy Slavin and his wife Julie with Stacy & Jerrald Braiuca of Raytown, Missouri. Stacy is a descendant of the Schroepfer family.

Legislator Theresa Adame of Topeka, Kansas and Vice Chairman Linda Capps of Shawnee, Oklahoma are Navarre descendants.



Tribal Area Gathering - Ft. Walton Beach, Florida - April 30, 2011

Sisters Mary Hinkle and Elizabeth McShane pose with their husbands Dennis and Paul. Mary and Dennis live in Atlanta, GA while Elizabeth and Paul live in Niceville, Florida. The ladies are descendants of the Muller family.



Chairman John Barrett presents a Pendleton to Peggy Hill, the eldest tribal member in attendance. Peggy, a descendant of the Pettifer family, is a beautiful 78 years old.

Dennis Johnson of Clearwater, Florida is seated by his grandson Matthew Beil of Tampa, Florida. Mr. Johnson and Matthew are descendants of the Clardy family.



Nina White traveled from Bossier City, Louisiana, which is very close to the same distance that Leroy Copeland traveled.

Youngest enrolled tribal member present was three-month old Zachery Imus, son of Tonya Imus of Savannah, Georgia.



Tim and Charlene Pyeatt with son Tanner reside in Navarre, Florida and are descendants of the Pettifer family.



Sisters Nina White, Nelda Seever, and Peggy Hill helped Legislator Eva Marie Carney plan the meeting which was held at The Southside Club at Hurlburt Field, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Denise Beil, Judy Johnson, and Nelda Seever visit with Charles Clark, CPN Tribal Rolls Director.



Dana and Marion Burns of Lakeland, Florida came to their first tribal meeting. Marion is a descendant of the Navarre/Burns families.

District 2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney visits with friend and constituent Ted Welfelt of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



Leroy Copeland traveled from Orange Park, Florida to share the longest distance traveled award with Nina White. Mr. Copeland is a descendant of the Rhodd family.



Patricia Rood of Jacksonville, Florida sits at the table with Linda, Charles, and Sarah Copeland of Orange Park, Florida. The Copelands are Rhodd descendants.

Frances Henderson and Annabelle Pittman, both of Pensacola, Florida, are sisters who are descendants of the Nadeau family.



Tonya Imus holds Sabrina on her lap while grandmother Madeline holds Zachery. The Imus family members are Nadeau descendants.

Legislative Columns

District #1 - Roy Slavin

Bozho Nikan,

Another Reunion Festival has passed. What a great time it was! Every year, it seems to get better. If you have never been to a Festival, put it on your calendar for next June. I realize that for some in my district in the northeast, it is a long trip. Make Shawnee, Oklahoma one of your vacation destinations next year; you won't be disappointed. Not only will you get in touch with your roots but you will also meet many new friends and family members. I have never been to a Festival that I haven't met a family member that I hadn't met before or learned something about my family I didn't know - mostly good.

This year was especially gratifying for me as I got to meet a young man with whom I had been corresponding, but whom I had never met in person. I was also honored to give him his Potawatomi name. If you have not received your Potawatomi name and would like to do so, please let me know. I will send you the protocol for a naming. My e-mail and snail mail address are at the end of this article.

Again, I have to talk about all the facilities that are being built on the grounds at Shawnee. The new events center is well on its way to completion. This building will be able to host many different types of events, anything from a car show to a rodeo to a concert. The new bowling center is state-of-the-art, I have been bowling for more than 50 years and have not seen anything like this bowling center. Notice that I did not say bowling alley. In addition to the bowling lanes, there is a room filled with state-of-the-art electronic games to entertain your non-bowling friends or children while you enjoy the lanes. Also, a large porch surrounding the building will accommodate vendors during festival and other events.

As you know from past articles, we like to honor our elders on their birthdays. If you or someone in your family is celebrating a 90th birthday-or-more, please let me know. On May 31st, we sent flowers and a card to Bernece Philley, who was celebrating her 99th birthday. As you look at this beautiful lady's picture and read the ac-



companying thank you card, you will realize this is not exactly an unselfish endeavor.

I will end this article as all my articles with a plea for your contact information. If you are in District #1 and do not receive e-mail or snail mail from me, it is because I do not have your contact information. If that is the case, please send your information to me at RSlavin@Potawatomi.org or Roy Slavin, 6730 Tower Drive, Kansas City, MO 64151. You can call me at 888-741-5767

Migwetch,
Roy Slavin



Dear Roy Slavin, I send a big "Thank You" to you for helping to make my 99th birthday so very special! First, I received your very beautiful card. Then came the biggest, most special flower arrangement I have ever seen - beautiful carnations of many colors. You truly made my day and made me feel very special. I thank you from the bottom of my heart! - Bernece Philley.

District #2 - Eva Marie Carney

Bozho nikan (Hello, fellow Potawatomis),

A number of the events I've participated in since my last column have got me feeling militant: militant about assuring that our Indian-ness, and particularly our Potawatomi-ness, survives and thrives. The events include

- listening to lawyer-professor-activist, and Pawnee, Walter Echo-Hawk discuss the judicial cases ruling against us and highlighting the despicable language used to describe our people - explained in detail in his book *In the Courts of the Conqueror*, which is subtitled *The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided*;

- participating in very meaningful naming ceremonies in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Amissville, Virginia, and Shawnee, Oklahoma over these three months

- attending Church services on Sunday morning during the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee and hearing Sister Virginia Pearl, CSJ, and others from the Slavin family, speak about her great-grandmother being forced, with other Potawatomis, down the Trail of Death as a very young child, and about Sister Virginia's own experience traveling that Trail in memory of those who did so before; and

- participating in a reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights on July 4th in Washington, Virginia (which George Washington surveyed when he was just 17 years old), declaring the singular importance of self-governance and citizen freedoms (but certainly not acknowledging that Native Americans would pay with their lives, lands, and traditions for the patriots' exercise of these).

My militancy is around the thought that **we've got to** preserve and keep our language and traditions and share them with coming generations; **we've got to assure that the Potawatomis live on.** Our ancestors' memories demand this, it seems to me.

So, I hope you'll join with me in doing the following:

- **learn our language** (at least a bit of it). I know language learning can be daunting and Potawatomi isn't intuitive! I have



books if you need them and have up on my website our Language Department's 2011 Festival Handout, Conversational Potawatomi, which is about 20 pages of everyday words and phrases. You can find it under the "Services" tab and the heading "Language Learning";

- **make a plan to visit our land, enterprises, and people in Shawnee**, if that's doable for you;

- **explore and return often** (since portions of it are in process and it will also be updated regularly) **to the terrific new website for our Cultural Heritage Center**, found at www.PotawatomiHeritage.org. (This site also now links to tribal enrollment forms, scholarship information and forms, etc.), to learn about our history, traditions and current vitality;

- **talk to your children, grandchildren, and other relations and to your neighbors, co-workers, and friends** about your pride in being a Potawatomi, and do not let them get away with questioning whether you are a "real Indian." You are!;

- **participate in the life of your tribe** - read your CPN newspaper, vote in the elections, contact your elected officials with your ideas (in my case, you can contact me through my website, www.evamariecarney.com); and take it upon yourself to attend Potawatomi events and bring your family members if these are scheduled in your area. And, if you in a position to do so,

let your legislator know you can help plan a CPN get-together that is within driving distance of your home;

• **visit the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian** in either Manhattan or Washington, DC, if that is doable for you, in celebration of our heritage and to learn more, or do so virtually via links such as <http://www.nmai.si.edu/searchcollections/home.aspx> (this links to online Native American-focused collections) and <http://www.nmai.si.edu> (the general NMAI website link).

• **form the habit** (if you don't do so already) **of daily prayer to our Creator and for Jagenagenon** (all our relations). To do so in Potawatomi, you can use the short prayer Justin has reprinted in his Conversation Guide, which includes a pronunciation guide and English translation. It is posted on my website).

I am certain that many of you have other ideas on how to maintain and foster our Indian-ness and Potawatomi-ness. I would be very very happy if you shared them with me. I do not want to suggest that I have the answers or even know very much about our history, heritage, and culture; much of this is pretty new to me, as it might be to some of you. I would be honored to hear from you, and particularly readers who are elders, about the thoughts above and your own ideas on these matters.

During our meeting in Fort Walton Beach, I offered a gift of tobacco to folks attending and then made a less elaborate re-

quest than what's above to those who accepted it - just that they do something in the coming year to increase their knowledge of or participation in Potawatomi matters. I know it is not traditional, since a tobacco gift is to be given before a favor is asked and the favor is asked only if the tobacco is accepted. But, because of the geographic and other issues, I invite each of you reading this to send me a note or call me if you accept this request. I will send you a gift of tobacco, to seal our agreement.

A couple of final notes. I have photos up on my website of the Florida Area Gathering; the winning photos from the Second Annual District #2 Photo Contest, and a photo of grand prize winner Sarah Copeland draped in his prize blanket (taken during the Florida Gathering); and photos from the 2011 Reunion Festival. Please check them out. Finally, please send me your contact details. Building community is an email-by-email endeavor; please make sure you are included!

Thank you very much for the honor of representing you.

Igwie (heartfelt thanks) and *bama pi* (later on, until next time),
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thing from the standpoint that the fashion folks weren't trying to fool them. We have developed our large belt overhang (belly) and managed to stay within a small increase in waist size by wearing our pants lower, since our waist was a 44 and our hips were still around a 38.

"So," we said, "look, it isn't all that bad. In high school, I had a waist size of 30 and now it is only a 38." But in reality, we are actually a 44, if we took the time to measure our actual waist rather than the jean size we struggled to plop our belly over.

That is a heart attack waiting to happen. It is also why the cholesterol is high and many are diabetic and have knee and joint problems.

You ladies have been tricked about what is going on, and it took place gradually. Think about the difficulty you run into with dress sizes and how they vary by brand.

For the ladies, you are victims of what is known in the industry as vanity sizing or sizing inflation. Retail clothing has changed where the needle is placed when the garment is made. What in the past was a size medium is now marked a size small. The large size is now called a medium and so on.

Stop and think about it. For those of you who can recall, how many women in the 1950s wore a size 2 or a size 0? If you were a size 6, you were very trim and weighed in right at 100 pounds, if that.

Let's take a look at the measurements in the 1950s compared to today's. For a size 12 in 1950, the measurements were bust - 30 inches, waist - 25 inches, and hips - 33 inches. Today, the standard for a size 12 is for a much heavier person, with these measurements: bust - 37½ inches, waist - 30 inches, and hips - 41 inches. That was at least a size 18 in 1950!

The clothing retailers know that in the area of merchandizing, consumer behavior and self-esteem are important. Smaller sizes have a positive effect on body image. This is especially true for the younger generation, and if they believe they are wearing smaller sizes, they buy more!

Unfortunately, it doesn't end there. In any given size for women's clothing, there can be a significant variance in any of the three size areas depending on who made the garment. You can find a garment with what is now the current official size 10 measurements, marked size 8, 10, or 12, depending on which company made the garment.



Basically, what all of us need to do is forget about garment sizes, check our own measurements, and talk to our doctor about our weight and if any action is needed.

We have a major challenge, and it isn't going to go away unless we have change. Almost 40 percent of adults are overweight! More than 30 percent of our children are overweight, too. And, it worsens by the day.

We have reached a point at which we will all have less healthy lives than our parents! Future generations might have shorter life spans. And, those who do live a little longer will do so in a health facility struggling to stay alive. It might be an issue of just breathing or trying to remember who and where you are!

Now is a good time to work at getting some weight off, if you have a need and look good in that bathing suit or, even, your business wear. Go for it! It really doesn't take a lot of work to do this. There is a way to lose those 40 pounds that the commercials are whooping and hollering about. And, you really don't need to go to the gym to get there. It is called smaller portions and a little walking.

A number of years ago, I lost about 30 pounds by just switching to a smaller plate size for meals, and walking 30 minutes each day. Yes, it took me more than 30 days to get there. In fact, it was more like 12 or 14 months, but it really wasn't that hard.

As I end this article, let me again say, I am honored to be your representative, and I am here to serve you. I hope that my columns give you information that might tell you about something beneficial or helpful in your daily life. We live in times in

District #3 - Robert Whistler

Bozho,

Last edition, you may recall, my column touched on the presentations that Ray and Kolena Strange and I made relative to our history and genealogy. We have a great area to pursue tracking your family history at our Cultural Heritage Center. Be sure to stop in and look at your family history and the new displays that have just been updated.

Since my last column, I have read an article that covers the history of fashion and a change there that in a sense is tricking us about the size of our bodies, which ultimately impacts our health. Some of the areas I have written about in the past have referenced the serious problems associated with our diet. Moreover, it results in many

of us being too heavy. But, more important, it leads to serious health issues like diabetes.

This is not new news. Just look at some of the commercials on TV. I see person after person talking about how they lost 40 pounds and dropped six dress sizes and are now a size 6! The models in the commercials are so toned and have great muscle definition! Just think, they did this in just 40 days, and they tell you that you can do it, too. Unfortunately, this is phishing and it takes lots of hard work that many of you may not have time for, let alone the funds it could involve.

But, let me get to the primary thought that the article I mentioned covered. Men have had an easy time with this weight-gain

which we are not always given the truth, and it just isn't right for us to be tricked, particularly where our weight and health are concerned. Take a look at what you eat and see if you or your family, especially your children, need to start working on reducing your/their weight and improving your/their eating habits.

Again, I ask that you send me an e-mail contact if you do not get mail from me on a regular basis. It is a quick way to get the

latest scoop on what is going on in our district.

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District #4 - Theresa Adame

Bozho,

It was a great turnout again for the Regional Meeting on May 14 at the Airport Holiday Inn in Kansas City. As usual, I met many new citizens attending for the first time and visited with many familiar faces. I can remember that in my youth I was always the daughter who was tagging along with dad to these meetings or driving him to them now. So, it was my pleasure to sit with a young man who was able to obtain his first tribal ID card, and he was not shy to show it off. The look of pride on his face was so much that I had to take his picture.

All of the Executive Branch was in attendance, and the financial reports on the tribe continue to be positive. As usual, the benefits for CPN citizens were outlined for those who need to be reminded or are not aware of them, and of course we shared a great lunch.

The festival was a big success again thanks to the employees of the Nation. It was a great turnout with 5,600 people registering. I am sure it was not a surprise to most people as this year's honored families are some of our largest families. Mine was one of those families, and I was very excited with the work that many of my relatives did to prepare.

My cousins had attended regalia class and sewn vests, sashes, and shawls for their entire family. For many it was their first attempt at dancing; for a couple it was their first try at gourd dancing. My dad was even able to enter the arena with the veterans this year. Maybe, because there were so many cousins who are also veterans to hold him up as he went around. I heard so many remarks about how beautiful the regalia is now at festival and so many more citizens are dressed appropriately.

Our legislative session on Monday fol-



lowing Festival is one I look forward to. While the agenda was short, it is a great opportunity for the entire legislature to meet face-to-face. We heard reports from the Language and Real Estate departments. I was happy to present a Pendleton blanket, along with Rep. Eva Marie Carney, to Justin Neely for all his work as director of Language. He is a great help to all in the Nation with namings and other ceremonies.

I noticed an article in the Topeka Capitol-Journal about a group of Silver Lake, Kansas High School debate students who made it to the "Sweet 16" round of an international debate competition. The first notice was January 23, 2011 about the Bickel & Brewer and New York University International Public Policy Forum, then on June 3, 2011 the National Catholic Forensics League national tournament in Washington D.C.

Silver Lake senior Riley Oblander, a CPN member, was quoted in the article saying, "We'd learn a lot from these people. It's really a beneficial program, especially since it's the first time we're doing this." I first met Riley when he helped at the Burnett's

Mound clean-up I wrote about in the fall. I am sure he had no idea I had been following him in the news but his grandmother Judy Boyles and LeAnn Oblander made sure I was kept informed. I wanted to make sure his good news made it into my article so he could get the recognition he deserves.

I will end with a reminder that, if you would like to receive updates by e-mail, contact me at TAdame@Potawatomi.org so you can be added to my list.

I thank you for this opportunity to serve you.

Migwetch,
Theresa Adame
Kansas Representative

District #5 - Gene Lambert

Bozho,

Wow!! It is just after the Family Reunion Festival with an action-packed three days of good family fun, which was followed by: HAPPY 4TH OF JULY - Independence Day - Fireworks - Picnics - and My Birthday (ha).

With all that going on, it stands second to the "Grand Entry." Maybe you could compare the burst of light and color with the parade of our Veterans, Leadership, and Honored Families as it came into view. The drums, regalia, and magical awe of those entering as we remember our ancestors who walked before us, those who are here now, and those who will walk after us.

The number of CPN members in regalia for Grand Entry during Festival has more than doubled from the year before. I believe there were about 270 in the circle, with dancing, fringe, and beautiful shawls, vests, and dresses adding to the mystique of it all.

If you have never been to a Festival, you have no idea the honor you feel entering the circle as those before us have. It's as though each and every one of you is with me.

Free food, art contests, archery, volleyball, museum tours, horseshoes, fry bread, hand games, and dancing under the stars are just a few of the fun things in which Potawatomis participated during Festival.

It was my privilege to name five people while I was in Shawnee during the Festival this year. The connection you gain getting to know someone well enough to confer a Potawatomi name is as though your spirits



CPN member Riley Oblander (center) poses with his Silver Lake High School debate teammates.



somehow touched.

Justin Neely was the grounding force of it all with his knowledge of our language. We are very fortunate to have such a capable and competent young man to work with us while we learn to process English thought into names identifying another human being.

I learn so much about our heritage each and every time I go, and this year was no exception.

All the Citizen Potawatomi Nation friends and family work so very hard to ensure that you have the best experience possible. We thank all of you for your dedication. You are second to none. YOU ARE THE BEST!!

Thank you again for the most meaningful and exceptional "Gathering."

Gene Lambert
CPN Legislator, District #5

District #6 - Rande Payne

Bozho Jayak,

Ah, summertime! Fried bologna, fry bread, and Family Reunion Festival. It doesn't get any more Potawatomi than that! Oh yeah, don't forget the bratwurst! Family Festival 2011 was outstanding. Yes, it was a little hot, but it's supposed to be, it's summer. But absent was the humidity, so it was actually quite enjoyable. There was so much to see and do.

The Heritage Center has a whole new look inside. The Long Room was arranged theatre style for the General Council meeting, allowing plenty of room for everyone. Reps. Lisa Kraft, Bobbie Bowden, and David Barrett were sworn in to new terms in their respective districts.

FireLake Bowl is now open, providing family fun with 24 state-of-the-art Brunswick lanes and an arcade featuring rooms for birthday parties and other special events. A Subway Restaurant inside the center has healthy and affordable food readily available. The bowling center's friendly staff truly makes FireLake Bowl a great family entertainment choice. FireLake Bowl is a great contribution to the local community as many first-time bowlers and youth are being drawing to the state-of-the-art and family-friendly facility.

Construction continues on the 60,000 square foot arena located between FireLake Discount Foods and FireLake Bowl. The arena will be used for concerts, livestock events, motocross, trade shows, and other events suited to this type of venue. Possibly even RV shows tying into the RV Park and making the grounds a great destination for RVers.

The list goes on and on with all that is being done to expand our enterprises but Family Festival is about family. It was awesome to see so many of our people having fun and spending time together. I had a great time visiting with my Oklahoma family and meeting relatives from New Mexico and Iowa. Grand Entry was delightful to be a part of. The regalia was just amazing this year. Our people have really stepped it up. It was very apparent that an enormous amount of time and effort have been spent researching and making regalia. The honored families filled the arena to near capacity when it was their turn to dance. It was a beautiful sight.



I want to take just a minute to talk about a nice young lady I met during Family Festival. Her name is Kylie Lowe. Kylie is one of our 2011 Potawatomi Leadership Program students who interned in Shawnee over the summer. Kylie is from Henderson Nevada, which is in District #6. While the PLP students were in attendance of the Legislative Meeting after Festival, Kylie took the initiative to introduce herself to me. Kylie will be entering her junior year at Aurora University in Aurora, Illinois, which is just outside Chicago. She is studying psychology and plans to graduate in 2013.

Kylie described her experience in the PLP as "great and beneficial." Before Kylie went to Shawnee, she had little knowledge of the tribe other than a few basic facts. In her words she was "shocked at how developed the tribe is and the different departments that the tribe is comprised of."

"The highlight of the program for me was just learning the language and cultural background of the tribe," Kylie said. Kylie was able to participate in many cultural and language activities during her internship. She stated, "I would definitely recommend this program to other students who are interested in learning how the tribe interacts with the government, the cultural background of the Potawatomis, and the language". During her internship, Kylie and several other PLP interns chose to learn the language.

I wish Kylie and all of our PLP interns all the best in whatever career path they choose. Our youth is our future and hopefully some of them, if not all, will choose to serve our Nation in their chosen field.

Another Family Festival is in the record books as a huge success. All of the people who worked tirelessly to make it happen for

us deserve all the credit. What an awesome gift of service to our people and their families!

Shifting into reverse, I want to share an event with you from back in May. District #7 Rep. Mark Johnson and I co-hosted a craft event at my District #6 office. People from near and far gathered to make hand fans and chokers. It was a great turnout of somewhere in the neighborhood of 50 people. I would like to say thank you to those who traveled from the Bay Area and Southern California to attend. Traveling that far is not easy, especially in these hard economic times. But the thing that amazed me most was the level of interest in learning about our heritage. The Trail of Death was shown as part of the event. I think it gave everyone a little better understanding of the hardships our ancestors faced during their time.

Keeping it in reverse all the way back to April, I want to tell of the opportunity I had to attend a lecture in Shawnee by Walter Echo-Hawk. This event was covered in the previous *HowNiKan* but I just want to share a little about what it meant to me. It would be hard for me to express all my thoughts and emotions within the space of this column.

I think the key points I gleaned from Mr. Echo-Hawk's book, *In the Courts of the Conqueror: The 10 Worst Indian Law Cases Ever Decided*, and attending the lecture are this: The introduction of the book is really an accurate historical record of how European colonizers occupied and obtained lands belonging to Native Americans and their justifications for calling it legal. In looking at each of "The 10 Worst Cases," I see how Native Americans have never really had a voice in the American legal system.

And what's most interesting is that not much has changed over time. As I look at the advancement of civil rights in America, I see that Native Americans have largely been left out. Hence, Mr. Echo-Hawk's effort in his book and his life work to change the way the judicial system looks at Native American law cases.

I applaud Mr. Echo-Hawk for his strong stand for change in the courts. His view is that outdated decisions cited as precedent-setting cases must no longer be used for the continuation of unjust rulings in Native



PLP Class of 2011 member Kylie Lowe poses with Vice Chairman Linda Capps in the CPN Legislative Chamber.

American court cases. The fact that our courts are still using court cases that refer to Native Americans as "savages" or "heathens" for decisions in modern day court cases was enough to convince me that Mr. Echo-Hawk is right. It's just as wrong today as it was 100 years ago to refer to Native Americans as heathens and savages. If you like to read, I think you will find the time well spent in reading Walter Echo-Hawk's book.

On a personal level, things are well with me. I am blessed with an awesome family, and I enjoy them more and more each day. I have traveled more this year than I ever have, and spending so much time away from them is difficult. I thank them for their understanding and their love. I especially enjoy my 11-month old grand-daughter Emma Jo, and I always look forward to seeing her happy little face when I get back to Visalia. She loves her Papa!

Until next time, God bless and take care. Migwetch!

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District #7 - Mark Johnson

Bozho,

It has been a busy spring and summer so far in District #7. On May 7, we hosted an open house at the District office, and on May 14, we were able to hold the first joint craft-making event in District #6 with Rande Payne at his office in Visalia, California. It was a full house as our members enjoyed making feather fans and chokers while having a little lunch and visiting with fellow members.

Unfortunately, there was a problem with the postal delivery and some event notices arrived the day of the event or after it was over. That is a problem that I regret and will work hard to prevent in the future. I am planning on hosting a similar event in Northern California this fall. Watch for the announcement, and I look forward to seeing you there.

In late April, I was able to travel to Shawnee to attend a lecture by Walter Echo-Hawk. He spoke on his book written on the 10 worst Indian law cases ever decided. You can read more about the lecture in the June issue of the *HowNiKan*. It was an eye-opener, to say the least. It is hard to understand that in today's society, with our sometimes over-the-top political correctness, the whole race of the original Native Americans can be held in such contempt by the laws that were made to protect us. I would recommend his book to anyone, especially if you would like a greater understanding of how Native Americans have been treated by the law.

On Monday, July 11th, a bright spot in Indian Law occurred. The 10th Circuit Court handed down a decision that dismissed a lawsuit brought by the National Labor Relations Board against the Chickasaw Nation. In the judge's decision, he wrote that "respect for Indian Sovereignty means the federal regulatory schemes do not apply to tribal governments exercising their sovereign authority absent express congressional authorization." Tribal sovereignty is the linchpin that all Indian nations hold close for their survival, and this ruling gave a big boost to those claims.

The last weekend in June found 5,125 tribal members and me at the Family Re-



union Festival in Shawnee. The Festival was the largest yet, and all the attendees enjoyed themselves. Even though the weather was hot and humid, it was not unbearable. During the Grand Entry on Saturday night, I was proud to see how many members were in their regalia and were dancing.

I also look forward to bringing my newly-learned Traditional Hand Game skills back to the members in the district. It was a joy to serve as a judge of the event as young and old alike competed late into the evening. If you have never attended the Family Festival in Shawnee, it is never too early to start planning for next year. The dates are June 29 – July 1, 2012.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor it is to serve you as your District #7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you might need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to. And please also take the time to give me a call or send me an e-mail with your contact information so that I can keep you informed of the happenings within the Nation and District.

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District #8 - Dave Carney

Bozho, Jayek,

Like everyone else who attended the Family Reunion Festival, I was very impressed with the Nation's major expansion currently taking place. Improvements include a spacious, state-of-the art healthcare clinic located behind the FireLake Grand Casino, an almost-finished arena/events center which will house equestrian events, concerts, and RV shows and the newly opened FireLake Bowling Center.

I can honestly say that this is the very best bowling and entertainment facility I have ever been in. It boasts a 24-lane bowling area with electronic score-keeping and all new Brunswick bowling equipment. Tracy Peltier, FireLake Resort's General Manager, took me on a quick tour behind the scenes of the lanes – very impressive. There are also a Subway sandwich shop, a bar, and an arcade for the kids, complete with comfy couches with a view of the bowling lanes. There is a pizza restaurant under construction that will compliment the facility nicely and feed into the birthday party rooms off the arcade. It is easy to see that the tribe has made a good investment with this new facility.

Besides the infrastructure that impressed, I was heartened to see the number of Potawatomis from outside the state of Oklahoma. Linda Capps, our Vice Chairman, stated that she believed for the first time ever, non-Oklahomans outnumbered locals. I was especially proud to see our district so well represented.

District #8 fielded a good-looking hand games team with matching shirts with the tribal seal in front and "District #8 Hand Games Team - Gshinenjen - Fast Hands" on the back. While temperatures were around 100 degrees, our team made up of Brett and Joy Brinton, Bill Brinton, Ginger Blackmon, Susie Gretler, Jan Nestler, and a young man I recruited from the crowd looked cool. We won our first round of hand games, but were defeated by the Potawatomi Leadership Program (PLP) team.

It was a particularly great festival for Ginger Blackmon of Anchorage Alaska. Ginger won the archery contest with her



compound bow AND took the prize for the "farthest traveled" at the General Council meeting.

A few personal notes: I'd like to say that I was very proud of my niece, Susanna Bas-sapa, who was participating in the PLP program. She just completed high school in Tampa and will be attending the University of San Francisco this fall. My children enjoyed spending time with Susanna, their East Coast cousin, not to mention with District #2 Rep. (Aunt) Eva Marie Carney. I was also proud of my son, Nick (16), who joined Rep. Theresa Adame on a pick-up team for the volleyball tournament on Sunday afternoon.

I am currently gathering supplies and working on names for events in Missoula, Montana and Washougal, Washington. By the time this issue of the *HowNiKan* arrives in your home, these major District #8 activities of the summer will be history, and I will be planning a Fall Feast event at the district office in Olympia, Washington. I am open to suggestions, but am tentatively planning on some needle basket-making and showing some founding family DVDs while sharing a potluck lunch.

As always, please feel free to contact me if I can be of assistance.

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District #9 - Paul Wesselhöft

The Genus Nicotiana

I was heartened by the full-page public service announcement (PSA) in the HowNiKan concerning smoking tobacco. The PSA reads, "Tobacco is an ancient tradition in our culture. It's a sacred ritual passed down from our ancestors. But, when commercial tobacco took over, everything changed. It is time to honor what is sacred and quit commercial tobacco."

This subject is personal. My parents smoked cigarettes for most of their adult lives. They contracted lung cancer, suffered, and died from a terrible addiction. Insurance companies have determined that the average smoker forfeits eight or more years of his life. Had my parents not been addicted to tobacco, those additional, precious eight years would have afforded my family the opportunity for another generation of Wesselhöfts to get to know and love one another.

Native Americans continue to smoke or chew tobacco at a higher rate than other groups. In 2009, approximately 25 percent of Native Americans smoked cigarettes. Nearly 18 percent of Indians lose their lives to cancer from smoking.

If the statistical research is correct, this means that manufactured commercial tobacco is killing 18 percent of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation! Let me repeat that: 18% of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation is being killed by tobacco! This is tragic! This is unacceptable, absolutely unacceptable! Our tribe must experience a paradigm shift in our view of tobacco.

In less than a century after Europeans co-existed on this continent with Indians, the smoking of tobacco became popular throughout the world. In those centuries, no doubt, millions suffered and died from lung



and mouth cancer from tobacco addiction and the early medical profession did not realize those lives were shortened by such an addictive plant.

I appreciate that tobacco has a sacred cultural place in Potawatomi ritual. Many of us use tobacco for spiritual and ceremonial purposes. The Sacred Pipe has a special significance for our tribe. I used tobacco ritually when I gave some to Linda Capps in asking her to consider bestowing an Indian name, Naganit, on me. We burned it ceremonially, as incense, at the naming. It is important that we distinguish traditional and spiritual use of tobacco from its manufactured, commercial use.

If you are struggling with an addiction to tobacco, there are community resources. One of which is the Oklahoma Tobacco Helpline at 800-QUIT NOW.

Let's experience a paradigm shift in how we view tobacco. It's deadly! Let's grow our nation by 18 percent, not kill ourselves with disease.

Migwetch,
Paul Wesselhöft/Naganit

District #10 - David Barrett

Bozho,

Education is a great concern for us as parents, especially with worries about what our young people are being taught. Vice Chairman Capps invited me to attend the final day of the PLP (Potawatomi Leadership Program) activities, during which each of the students spoke individually about what they accomplished during their six-week stay at the Potawatomi Nation, what it meant to have come here, and their most

memorable experiences.

Listening to these young people, I realized that what we are doing for the Nation is just the tip of the iceberg. When you have a chance to talk with these young people, you will be as amazed as I was. Just think, we have presented this opportunity for the past nine summers. Our Nation's leaders are taking our seed corn and planting it in many places, such as college grants, housing, tech schools, PLP pro-

grams, etc.

Our grandmothers have always been the ones who tried to keep the traditions alive. Well, as you know, they are all growing older and tiring from this great responsibility. Rest assured, all you faithful people who have taken an active part in teaching our traditions; our Nation now will not have only the wise elders teaching. What I heard from these young peoples indicates they could not wait to tell their family and friends.

I hope that, when you read some of their comments, you will gain some of the insights from their experiences that really inspired me with a warm feeling that our Nation, on this path of training, will be ahead of the curve when these young people take their place in the our Nation's future.

Austen Roselius wrote, "Getting to hear from the election committee was very important. They have made it as easy as possible for members to cast a vote and voice their opinion. Of course, the voter turnout ratio is not exactly the most pleasing percentage at this moment in time; but, with new technology and youth, such as us, spreading the word about the importance of voting, that number will undoubtedly rise."

Jordyn Snow wrote, "If I had to pick, one of my favorite experiences was attending the Potawatomi language classes taught by Justin Neely. He probably didn't realize it at the time, but he taught me how to balance old Native traditions with the lifestyle of modern times. Justin told all of us once during a class that one of the easiest ways to learn the Potawatomi language is to implement it into our daily lives."

Mariah Beauford wrote, "I, personally, was most interested in our court system, the Heritage Center, and the self-governance department. The fact that we operate as an independent sovereign nation seems to be taken for granted and underappreciated by my generation. What many of us do not realize is that it took years of pushing legislation and the work of many dedicated Native Americans from many tribes working for this right before we, the tribes, could be federally recognized as self-governing, even though self-governance has been our right and way of life since time immemorial."

Susanna Basappa wrote, "During our first week here, we also set about learning about each of our family histories and about



our direct family lines back to our Potawatomi ancestors. In the archives, I found specific details on the different family members. Now, I have not only a family tree, but also a story, fragmented though it may be, of their lives and personalities. I feel as though I know my ancestors, my jaganaganan. We have learned of the staggering amount of detail and effort required to maintain our tribe, and have also been made aware that our Nation, under the guidance of our Chairman, Vice Chairman, and legislators, are a growing people that is well on the way to self-sufficiency."

Matthew Beil wrote, "It could be said that Native American traditions are in fact in the best situation, where the people who participate do it for spiritual reasons, to honor ancestors, and because it is our cultural identity. They, in the practicing of their culture, inadvertently provide people with a look into it. Now, as I stand before you reading this pseudo-narrative, I cannot help but feel of a sense of pride in my tribe. Knowing more about the culture, my own personal ancestral family, and learning about the language, this program has piqued my interest and will lead to further research and involvement with my tribe."

Eric Bruno wrote, "Tribal Police was a rather fun experience involving 'roughing up' and 'the hard way' which were both hilarious to watch. Chief Donnie Warren and Sergeant Opela made the visit very enjoyable, with their comedic, yet professional standpoints on Law Enforcement. Getting into the back of a patrol car was actually a pleasant experience, believe it or not. I also learned some nice information about how the tribal jurisdiction works. With the ability of cross-jurisdiction and the concept of self-governance in effect, the Citizen Potawatomi Tribal Police is definitely well-

equipped for the job.”

Justin Van Vleet wrote, “The Community Development Corporation took me by surprise. Being able to lend high-risk loans and still have a low default rate is amazing. Overall, the departments of the CPN were fantastic. I’m highly thankful that I am part of a Tribe that has a focus on the future and not the now. I have learned through my few weeks here that all this is only possible because of the employees of the Nation.”

Lakota Pochedley wrote, “I used to know only the rote facts, but in these past few years and especially these past couple of weeks, I have been able to live the experience and start to discover what I have been searching for since receiving my name. I can now begin to appreciate the history and our culture with deeper understanding of the decisions the Nation has made in the past, present, and hopefully future. Migwetch for all the opportunities, and I look forward to giving back to the Nation as much as possible.”

Kylie Lowe wrote, “The Potawatomi Leadership Program has definitely broadened my perspective about the tribe. I learned a lot of things that I would have not known unless I would have come here and experienced it myself. Talking to past PLPers, even today they still say that this was the best thing that they did. I now have a desire to return to Oklahoma eventually and work for the CPN. I want to be a part of this enterprise and ensure the future quality of future CPNs. I have already told a lot of people about this program and realized that other tribes do not really offer an internship like the Potawatomi do.

Selena Crowley wrote, in her Preface, “A collection of villanelles was written in

order to express my experiences and impressions of the time I spent in Shawnee. My last villanelle titled **Abstraction**, tells of my personal assumed accounts of the Potawatomi Trail of Death.”

Abstraction

Forced to flee in the middle of the night,
clothes on person, perishables in hand, sick left
with the land, became
the people’s memory of eyes piercing white.

Troubles were not negated by the right,
but by those desiring land with artillery held in
the name.

forced to flee in the middle of the night,

The journey arranged took flight;
families shifted with traditions lost and
thoughts of reclaiming.
the people’s memory of eyes piercing white

Followed the steps that might
find their way back to those surnames,
forced to flee in the middle of the night.

Amputation as means of losing one’s sight,
blinded ambitions of growth through shame.
the people’s memory of eyes piercing white

held onto the positions in each mind, in spite
of the locations allotted to those same
forced to flee in the middle of the night;
the people’s memory of eyes piercing white.

What did you think? Was it not inspirational, fantastic, great, heart-warming, challenging? Future leaders, growing our youth, planting our seed corn! You Decide. Migwetch, PLP Youths. Migwetch,
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District #11 - Lisa Kraft

Thank you to all of our fantastic and sincere employees who pulled off yet another outstanding gathering of family and friends. Our Family Reunion Festival 2011 brought us closer as a Citizen Potawatomi nation; it was akin to the days when our ancestors gathered and planned for the tribe’s future and their own progress in Indian Territory.

Progress starts when people come together for a shared cause or desired outcome and then work together to achieve it. For Citizen Potawatomi people and employees alike, we all have a shared cause - family. We work to provide for it: to grow

healthy children, to preserve values, to offer better opportunities for our kids than the ones we had, and we work to carry us into retirement and uncertainty.

In the spirit of family and moving forward, I want to ask your thoughts on some additions to the annual festival. Would you be interested in a potluck dinner on Friday night to honor those receiving names on Sunday? Would you like to gather around the campfire to hear tribal stories from elders and leaders? Would you be interested in reenactments of historical scenes or a musical play about creation stories? What

about a tribal member musical talent show? Or what about building a dog park for those members traveling in RVs?

Here are four other Festival suggestions: 1) host a Job Fair or Career Expo for national education and employment recruitment, 2) host a Business Expo-Trade Fair so member businesses can advertise, network, and discuss contracting opportunities, 3) host an Enterprise Expo where tribal employees and members can learn of new local employment opportunities with Citizen Potawatomi enterprises and programs, and 4) invite Potawatomi 4-H youth to present their leadership, science, or animal projects for a chance to win a raffled 4-year college scholarship.

There are so many wonderful activities and competitions during festival that it will be hard to fit too much in one weekend without the need to expand it. If you would like to make other suggestions, please send me an email at LKraft@Potawatomi.org or send a note to my attention at 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, OK 74801.

These are just a few of the conversations I had with family and friends. All of these ideas center on family - preserving Pota-



watomi ideals, creating a shared history, encouraging kids to pursue all forms of athletic, artistic, and educational pursuits, and finding work that fits our talents, fulfills a passion, and provides for our families. In this regard, the Heritage Festival is already a testament to Citizen Potawatomi progress.

As always, I am thinking Potawatomi.
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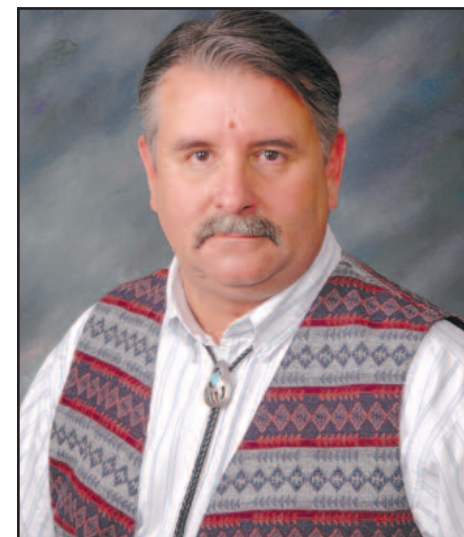
District #12 - Paul Schmidlkofer

Bozho Nikan,

Well, I hope everyone enjoyed the Family Reunion Festival and made it home safe. It was quite a sight at Grand Entry. And, the tribal members who participated in the dance contest deserve a great big thank you for their display. Again this year there were more women than men. And, they looked lovely again this year and danced so wonderfully. But, there were a couple new men dancers who deserve big kudos, also. It seems each year we have more and more tribal members participate.

Weren’t the grounds in really good shape, also? There were so many things to see and do again this year that I’m not sure a person could be involved with all of them. Plus, for as warm as it was, it was still fairly pleasant with the breeze and the cover over the dance arena and eating areas.

I hope all of you got to go by and see the new bowling center. It really is very nice and, with the addition of the game room and Subway shop, it has become a destination of its own. Right across the street, the progress on the event center is coming right



along, also.

Our hope is that we can make this area a place where different groups and organizations will come and use these facilities and increase our profits from them. I suspect that, once the recreational vehicle park is done, we’ll start seeing lots of RV groups and clubs circling CPN in Shawnee for one of their stops.

There are other plans for the area. As time and finances allow, we'll see further projects and improvements. Our hopes are that these enterprises will fund future tribal benefits and maybe even increased funding for them. We are always looking for oppor-

tunities like these to help stabilize our economic base.

As always, it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great nation. Bama pi and migwetch,
Paul Schmidlkofer

District #13 - Bobbi Bowden

Bozho, Nikan (Hello, Friends),

Once again we are all in the processes of getting our kids back in school and getting ourselves back in the swing of our school-morning routines as well as homework and bedtimes at night. I wish all of you and your children successful school years!

For those of you with children beginning their senior year of high school and who will be 18 years of age by June 1, 2012, I would like for you to keep in mind an incredible opportunity the tribe offers for our Potawatomi students. The program I am referring to is the Potawatomi Leadership Program.

The leadership program is a six-week program during the summer designed to educate, inform, and encourage qualified Potawatomi students and to teach our younger members about the tribe and its operations. I mention this now because one requirement for the program is to have a GPA of 3.0 or better. The beginning of the school year is the time to concentrate on reaching that goal.

These students are the future of our tribe, and it is up to us as parents to encourage them to take advantage of every opportunity available to our children for their future as well as the future of the tribe. There is



more information available about the Leadership Program on our website www.potawatomi.org or if I may be of any assistance please feel free to contact me at BBowden@potawatomi.org.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to serve you!
Migwetch,
Bobbi Bowden
Legislative Representative, District #13

Secretary-Treasurer - D. Wayne Trousdale

Bozho, Nikan,

I hope all is well with you and your families. It was great to see so many of you at the Family Reunion Festival in June. It seems that this event gets better with every passing year. I don't think that Grand Entry has ever been more "Grand".

I would be remiss if I didn't thank all the wonderful employees at the Nation for all their hard work before, during, and after the Festival. Our people really go above and beyond to make the weekend enjoyable for the rest of us.

Our Nation continues to progress very well despite the economy. While we always wish the returns were better on our assets,

we realize that we have been very fortunate. I believe that the hard work of our employees and the guidance of our government is a winning combination.

Our investments and tribally-owned enterprises are performing very well. We are on budget and are positioned at a very low risk level. I hope that you were at General Council and heard the financial report that I presented.

We have already begun the long process of compiling the budget for our FY2012. We met three days during one recent week at the Nation to review all the data from the Directors of all our programs and enterprises that will make up the new budget.

There are a lot of dedicated people who work on this project tirelessly in order for the Nation to have a good working model for the year.

We are optimistic about the economy showing some growth this coming year but are still working on a very conservative business model. I believe that, in times like these, we should err on the side of caution.

There is a lot to be excited about with new construction and programs that are becoming a reality. There is nothing like actually seeing the brick and mortar take shape. Everyone at the Festival can bear witness to all the exciting projects that we are working on.

We will continue to investigate new opportunities for enterprises that will benefit our people. Remember that through the profits of our tribally-owned enterprises, we can continue to enhance and improve our programs for our people. Please consider doing business with your Nation's enterprises. We are a stronger people when we work together.

If you have a comment or suggestion about our Nation, please do not hesitate to contact me or a Representative in the Leg-



islature. We have many fine people who care about your needs; please let us know how we can be of service to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the finances of the Nation, please give me a call, I am here to serve you. Thank you for letting me be a part of your Nation's administration as your Secretary/Treasurer.

Migwetch,
D. Wayne Trousdale/*Netemgiwse*
Secretary/Treasurer

Vice Chairman Linda Capps

Bozho,

The extreme heat of our Oklahoma summer has put a damper on much of the recreational fun that is usually associated with this time of year. Each of the 10,976 Citizen Potawatomi tribal members who reside in Oklahoma has been impacted by the intense heat during June and July. The heat and dry conditions have taken a toll on our land and resources; not to mention the stress on our physical health.

Sadly, more than a dozen Oklahomans lost their lives this summer with the hint that the number could continue to rise. It can definitely be said with confidence that most Oklahomans favorably anticipate the cooler days and nights of fall weather with a renewed appreciation.

Our people have concentrated on getting out of the heat and into the cool of air conditioned buildings. In terms of recreational facilities, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation would receive a high score if we could enter a contest in that category. All of our indoor tribal enterprises have stayed busy this summer. The area children have been fortunate to have the new FireLake Bowling



Center ... a perfect entertainment venue for any outside temperature. The new arcade section of the state-of-the-art, 24-lane bowling center has been extremely popular among the youth.

When I mention youth, there are attractions in the arcade for the very young and certainly for the teens. And, yes, we adults sometimes like to partake of our latest entertainment venue. Most of the arcade

games cost between 50 cents and a dollar. Compared to other entertainment like movies, swimming features, and even some of the summer league ball games, it is a bargain with a new, exciting twist.

I also feel like FireLake Bowling Center represents a good bargain for both the children and adults who like to bowl. The price of a game is \$2.59 from 10:00 a.m. each day to 5:00 p.m. and the evening rates are \$3.59 per game after 5:00 p.m. A person can bowl by the game or by the hour. An individual bowler can usually bowl five games in an hour. To bowl by the hour, the day rate is \$12.99 and the evening rate is \$17.59. For Senior Citizens age 50 and older, the good news is that the price per game is \$2.00, day or night. Now that is a bargain for sure!

Extreme Bowling Friday and Saturday nights begins at 9:00 pm. and lasts until 1:00 a.m. for \$15.00 per person. You can bowl as much as you want during that time. The Extreme Bowling is a unique way to

bowl with black lights, funky music, and lights out! It is a fun-packed four hours. In addition, FireLake Bowling offers special birthday packages for the children and/or adults complete with a party room and reduced food rates.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation's Bowling Center is the first of the FireLake Family Resort Enterprises that are on the horizon. Six ball fields are now under construction and a near-completed FireLake Events Arena towers above all buildings in the Family Resort area. What an exciting time to be a part of the FireLake team which includes our tribal members, our employees, and the legislators!

One of these days soon, I hope we look back to discover that the heat of the 2011 summer was the catalyst that spearheaded the success of FireLake Family Resort. You can readily see why I cherish the opportunity to be your Vice Chairman.

Migwetch,
Linda Capps

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everywhere. Everybody is relaxed and strolling. It is like a big family at a really big reunion. Nobody's fighting. No children crying. Just a gentle, sweet day. Nobody's hot or cranky. There is shade everywhere.

In a huge roofed eating area, the names of the honored Wamego, Peltier, Willmet, Vieux, Bourassa, and Burnett families ring the place. Here everybody is connected by long stories of family exploits, successes, suffering, adventure.

After meandering, eating, drinking, and talking to dozens of happy folks, I realize that I haven't been to a single event! I never got to the Archery Contest or the Art Contest or the Fry Bread Contest or anything else. No matter. I have had a wonderful time just talking to people while I wandered around. But with drumming practice starting back at the arena, I realize I must see that, so I hurry over.

In the arena I see four drummers. Their rhythm is steady and true. When they take a break, one drummer says that his is the District #1 drum and that he's the District #1 representative – Roy Slavin. It's the first drum they've had, and it's their first drum session. They have been playing the Grandfather Spirit song, a song of the soul.

Now a few, then many, people start to practice dancing. The dance is like a slow trot, with the ball of the foot put down first, then the heel, then the same thing on the other foot. At least some folks are doing it that way. The day is evolving more and more deeply into the Potawatomi culture. I watch and listen as the words and melodies and rhythms take us all to times past.

In the evening, drumming and singing float from the arena. The excitement is electric.

Seven dancers, including a small, Mohawked boy, move with the music. The drumming and singing fills the arena. The people in the bleachers are feeling it. After a bit Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett begins to walk the perimeter of the circle with a bowl of smoking sage and a hawk wing and smudges the people who have gathered there.

The honored families of the year are

gathered outside the arena, along with Chairman John Barrett and the tribe's legislative representatives. The drumming has become more and more powerful. People in the bleachers are feeling it.

Veterans lead the way for the Grand Entry, carrying the flags of the United States and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. There is a tall man, in military dress with ribbons and medals on his chest and Potawatomi headdress of fur and feathers, a blue and white cummerbund, and ribbons tied around his upper arms. He is the epitome of his two cultures. Slowly the people walk-dance in tighter and tighter circles until all the participants are in the arena. It's thrilling. How beautiful!

The announcer calls out the names of the honored families. In the Grand Entry this year are 227 women, more than at any other time. This year, the tribe has provided 1300 college scholarships.

Now the dance competitions begin. First the under six-year-olds, Ladies and Gentlemen. Nothing is cuter. Their mothers and fathers and big brothers and sisters accompany them around the circle. Then the children with their parents are all called up to hear the announcement as to who has won. Surprise! EVERYBODY wins! All of the children walk away with a crisp \$5 bill in their hands.

Next it's ladies' choice, and partners stroll onto the grass and dance their slow-stepping dance. Some ladies have chosen their small sons, there are grammas and grandpas; there are young marrieds.

The ladies dance competition now. The women are gorgeous in their traditional dress. One woman is in deep blue and white and her long shawl swirls as she dances. There are women with more silver cones sparkling on their skirts. Each one is beautiful.

Men's turn. They are strong and handsome. They move with grace and power.

The end of the evening is drawing near. I am tired. I am filled with the music, the food, the art, the dance, the families, the closeness of the Potawatomis.

I smile, feeling family all around me.



Scenes from a Festival: Action was fast and furious in the basketball tournament, while a hot fire and long, long tongs were essential for the Fry-Bread Contest. An archer zeroes in. And, Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett, and Reps. Robert Whistler, Theresa Adame, and Gene Lambert led dancers into the arena during the Grand Entry.

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Running a marathon is tough; fighting a chronic disease is *TOUGHER.*

Dr. Jim Higgins, a proud member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, is a pediatric gastroenterologist in Lubbock, Texas. As the late Paul Harvey was fond of saying, "Here's the rest of the story!"

Dr. Higgins is dedicating his participation in the New York City Marathon run in November 2011 to three of the bravest women he knows – his sister Kerri and her two daughters, Emily and Molly Jo. The CPN members have been battling chronic Lyme disease for the past several years.

Dr. Higgins explained, "That is a battle not only against a microscopic organism, but also against medical, political, and societal ignorance about this disease. Patients and their treating physicians are often ridiculed and even persecuted as they struggle in this battle."

As with so many chronic illnesses, research is the key to finding treatments and, one day, a cure for this devastating illness. Because this is a disease that does not get much media attention, donations are desperately needed. "By running in my sister's and nieces' honor, my prayer is that people will put a face on this disease and understand how it affects the lives of real people, every day," Dr. Higgins said. "I am blessed to be in good health and am honored to be able to run for those who cannot run for themselves."

Jim's and Kerri's parents, E.L. and Carol Higgins, live in McLoud, Oklahoma. E.L., the couple's three children, and their seven grandchildren are all CPN members. E.L. made a beaded headband for Jim, which he has worn proudly throughout multiple races, including the Oklahoma City and Boston Marathons.

In 2006, at age 46, Jim Higgins began running to lose weight; he quickly realized he actually enjoys it. On April 22, 2006, he ran his first 5K race. It was not long before he was setting goals to run further and faster. By the end of the year, he was training for his first marathon. In January 2007, Jim completed the Houston Marathon in 3 hours 44 minutes and 37 seconds.

His next goal was to finish a marathon in 3 hours and 30 minutes to qualify for the



Dr. Jim Higgins, a CPN member, poses with some of the medals he has earned as a long-distance runner. He will be competing in the 2011 New York Marathon and is accepting donations to aid in research into Lyme disease.

Boston Marathon. He did just that three months later at the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, finishing in 3 hours 29 minutes and 23 seconds. He completed the Boston Marathon the following year.

As of June 2011, Jim has completed 15 marathons of 26.2 miles, an Ultra Marathon of 30 miles, a Sprint Triathlon, and 61 other races, including 14 Half-Marathons. Recently, he completed his first "double marathon" weekend, running the Timberline Marathon in Mt. Hood, Oregon on a Saturday followed by the Olympic Discovery Marathon in Port Angeles, Washington the very next day. His plan is to run two to four "doubles" each year as he works toward his goal of completing a marathon in each of the 50 states. Currently, he has completed races in eight states.

Jim and his older daughter, Alison, will be running in the New York City Marathon in November 2011. They will be running to benefit the "Turn the Corner Foundation," a charity for research of Lyme disease. Dr. Higgins asks anyone who is able to do so to make a donation at www.crowdrise.com/thefacesoflyme.

Lyme disease

Lyme disease, or Lyme borreliosis, is an emerging infectious disease caused by at least three species of bacteria belonging to the genus *Borrelia*. The disease is named after the town of Lyme, Connecticut, where a number of cases were identified in 1975. Allen Steere, a professor of rheumatology at Harvard University and previously at Yale University, realized Lyme disease was a tick-borne disease in 1978. However, the



Dr. Jim Higgins' sister, Kerri Simpson (right) and her daughters Emily (left) and Molly have suffered from Lyme disease.

cause of the disease remained a mystery until 1981, when *B. burgdorferi* was identified by Willy Burgdorfer, an American scientist born and educated in Basel, Switzerland, who is an international leader in the field of medical entomology.

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne disease in the Northern Hemisphere. *Borrelia* is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected ticks belonging to a few species of the genus *Ixodes* ("hard ticks"). Early symptoms may include fever, headache, fatigue, depression, and a characteristic circular skin rash called erythema migrans. Left untreated, later symptoms may involve the joints, heart, and central nervous system. In most cases, the infection and its symptoms are eliminated by antibiotics, especially if the illness is treated early. Delayed or inadequate treatment can lead to the more serious symptoms, which can be disabling and difficult to treat.

Salvation Army receives final donation payment from CPN

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation recently donated its final payment of \$30,000 of a five-year pledge for the Shawnee Advisory Board Endowment Campaign. The Endowment was created to help ensure programs and services of The Salvation Army will continue for years to come in Lincoln, Potawatomie, and Seminole counties.

In addition to the \$150,000 donated during the last five years for the specific campaign, the tribe also supports the Salvation Army in many other ways. Each year, the Women's Auxiliary's Annual Spaghetti Day receives valuable assistance from the tribe. CPN provides many items and ingredients which compliment what the rest of the community individuals and businesses donate, directly helping to make the fundraiser a success.

Additionally, each year at Christmas, the Nation provides hundreds of hams for Christmas food boxes. It also asks its vendors to help with the Salvation Army's daily and weekly feeding programs by donating such items as bread, fruit, sugar, and more. FireLake Discount Foods generously do-



Left to right John 'Rocky' Barrett, Chairman, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Major Michael Barnhouse, Shawnee Salvation Army Corps Officer, and Richard Driskell, director of FireLake Discount Foods are shown following a presentation from The Salvation Army of Shawnee in appreciation to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation for its support.

notates from their deli on a regular basis to help with the feeding program.

Throughout the year, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation assists The Salvation

Army to help meet the need of persons in need throughout the service area. Salvation Army officials say that it is only through the help of the tribe and other individuals, cor-

porations, and foundations that the army is able to continue to assist individuals and families in our area.

A variety of services are provided including soup kitchen, shelter, a summer day camp, the Back-to-School backpack program, utility payment assistance, vouchers for clothing from the Thrift Store, and others.

For more information on helping, please contact Major Barnhouse at 275-2243.

CPN member works on UN Indigenous Rights Declaration



CPN Member Angela Riley (second from left, front row) poses with other members of the UN Indigenous Peoples' Partnership Policy Board.

(GENEVA, Switzerland) – A Citizen Potawatomi Nation member who serves as the Nation's Supreme Court Chief Justice is involved in planning for implementation of the United Nations' Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Angela Riley was recently appointed to serve on the United Nations - Indigenous Peoples' Partnership Policy Board, which is a commitment to the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and calls for its full realization through the mobilization of financial and technical assistance.

The first global inter-agency initiative to promote and protect the rights of indigenous peoples concluded its inaugural Policy Board meeting recently. "This is an important milestone following the UN Declaration," said, Mr. Adelfo Regino Montes, an indigenous expert member of the Board. "With the adoption of the UN Declaration and ratification of ILO 169, the challenge now is in their implementation" said Mr. Montes.

"As an academic I have been very concerned about the detachment between research and actual implementation on the ground. The Partnership is an opportunity to translate research into implementation," said Justice Riley, an indigenous expert member of the Board.

In its deliberations, the Policy Board
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Client Testimonial

"Family Preservation has helped my family in so many ways. When we first came to them, we had no place to live, no vehicle to drive and my husband didn't have a job. Family Preservation helped get us a home. They also helped me get into GED classes, which I have now completed. With the help of the program, we fixed our car which helped get us to and from school and work. I am currently attending a program to become a nurse tech and my husband is furthering his welding certification.

My family is so thankful for the opportunities we have been given through Family Preservation. We received help not only with material things but we also were able to strengthen our marriage. We learned how to be stable and independent for our children and how to be a family.

We thank the Family Preservation Program from the bottom of our hearts."

CPN East & West Clinic Spotlight

Meet Tim Tall Chief

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation would like to welcome the new Director of Health Services Tim Tall Chief. Tim joined the staff of CPN Health Services on June 20, 2011, bringing expertise to the Clinic from a diverse background in Native American Culture. As a member of the Osage Tribe, Tim is active in his tribal cultural events as well as being the "voice," Master of Ceremonies, for the CPN Reunion Festival for the past 16 years.

Tim's experience includes a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration and Masters Degree in Education. He is a former Deputy Commissioner of Health at the Oklahoma State Department of Health, State Director Indian Education with the Oklahoma State Department of Education, and Executive Director of the Native American Center of Excellence for the College of Medical and Dentistry at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Tim also has a faculty appointment for the University of Oklahoma in the College of Liberal Studies.

Tim has also held the following offices: Chairman of the Board, Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission for 8 years and President of the American Indian Faculty and Staff Association OUHSC.

Tim's position as Director of Health Services includes management, oversight, and fiscal responsibilities for the CPN East and West Health Clinics, FireLake Wellness Center, physician recruitment, staff development, and implementation of and compliance with the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care standards.

West Clinic is a Reality

You've heard about it for years but now the time has arrived. The new CPN West clinic, located west of the Grand Casino on I-40 and Hwy 102, opened its doors on August 10, 2011. The vision for the West Clinic is to expand health care services beyond our current scope.

The original clinic located on Gordon Cooper Drive, now called the East Clinic, was established in 1996 to provide exceptional medical care to Native Americans of the CPN tribe as well as all other federally recognized tribes. Over the years, the clinic has continued to grow and expand services,



The beautiful, new CPN West Clinic, which opened its doors on August 10, has architecture that matches its neighbor to the east, FireLake Grand Casino. Top right, Tim Tall Chief brings many years of relevant experience to his new position as director of both CPN clinics. Middle right, CPN West Clinic Manager Vickie Canfield and Director Tall Chief greet the clinic's first patient, Jenifer VanSchuyver. Bottom right, popular CPN clinic pharmacist Joe LaReau, a CPN member, was on hand on August 10 as the West Clinic opened.

adding Dental, Behavioral Health, and most recently Ultrasound services.

The West Clinic was developed with the intention of spreading our services net wider, offering Health Care to not only tribal members, but also CPN employees and their families, spouses of CPN tribal members, and eventually an extended-hours clinic. The West Clinic will be under the direction of Tim Tall Chief, Health Services Director, and the supervision of Vickie Canfield, Clinic Manager.

The West Clinic opened on August 10, 2011 to Native American patients. On August 24, 2011, the West Clinic began accepting CPN employees and members of their families. September 6th was the start date for spouses of CPN tribal members.

The West Clinic development was made possible through a HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) for \$800,000, \$500,000 from the East Clinic third-party collections, \$176,000 for Medical Equipment through the IHS Medical Equipment Grant, and \$100,000 for the IT Infrastructure and communication system from the IHS Tribal Management Grant.

Our Native American patients will continue to receive the same outstanding services provided at the current clinic location. All CPN employees/families and spouses of CPN tribal members will be required to pay any fees, co-pays, or deductibles that

apply at any other health care facility. Payment for services will be required at the time the service is provided.

The West Clinic is staffed with two physicians initially. A nurse practitioner will be starting in October, and there is the ability to expand to a fourth provider. Dr. Christy Walsh, M.D. and Dr. Jennifer Semore, M.D. have transferred from the East Clinic. Dr. Semore joined the clinic staff in July 2011, just in time for the West Clinic opening.

Pharmacy and Laboratory services are available on-site with the West Clinic now open. Radiology services will be available in the near future. Current patients of Dr. Walsh began receiving their care at the West Clinic beginning with their August appointments. Any patients wishing to remain at the East Clinic for care will be assigned to another provider at that location.

Appointments can be made at either clinic by calling the main clinic phone number 405-273-5236. The West Clinic phone number is 405-964-5770. Dental, Behavioral Health, Ultrasound, and Contract Health Services will remain at the East Clinic location.

Patients using the West Clinic will see many familiar faces. Many of our receptionists, support staff, and pharmacy staff have relocated to the West Clinic to insure the same quality of care that our patients are



accustomed to at the CPN Health Services East Clinic.

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Topeka, passed away on Sunday, July 10, 2011 in Topeka. She was born on August 30, 1947 in Topeka, the daughter of John W. and Donna (Spencer) Westfall.

She graduated from Topeka High School and married Jack Rickson on November 23, 1966 in Topeka. They divorced but remained friends. She worked for Southwestern Bell in Topeka as an Equipment Engineer Manager, retiring after 26 years. Then, Linda attended Ft. Scott Cosmetology School in 1994 and worked as a nail technician at Urban Salon in Topeka.

She was a former member of the Mayetta Order of the Eastern Star and ABWA, where she earned the Woman of the Year award. She was a life member of the Telephone Pioneers and also a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

She is survived by a son, Jim Rickson and his wife Darci; a daughter, Wendi Horak and her husband Terry, two brothers, Samuel Westfall and Michael Westfall and his wife Marcella; and a sister, Pamela Rohr and her husband David, all of Topeka. She will be dearly missed by her seven grandchildren: Chelsea, Thatcher, Tucker, Dalton, Torrey, Davin, and Tayson.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Silver Lake, Kansas United Methodist Church. She lay in state on Wednesday, July 13, from 2:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. with visitation from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Davidson Funeral Home. Interment was at

the Walnut Hill Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Midland Hospice Care or St. Francis Cancer Center. Online condolences may be made at davidsonfuneral.com or www.caringbridge.org/visit/LindaRickson.

Jimmy Lewis Snow



Funeral services for Jimmy Snow, 47, of Lexington were held on July 6, 2011 at Wilson-Little Funeral Home Chapel in Purcell, Oklahoma. Interment was at Chappel Hill Cemetery, east of Lexington, Oklahoma, under the direction of Wilson-Little Funeral Home. Mr. Snow passed away Sunday July 3, 2011 at his home.

Jimmy Lewis Snow was born on June 6, 1964 in Purcell, the youngest of four children raised by Buster Wyman Snow and Alleen (Sturgill) Snow. He grew up in Lexington and attended Lexington Schools, graduating in 1982. While in high school, Jimmy was a Blue-Chip football player for three years, was active in vocal music, and competed in the Olympics of the Mind two consecutive years. He was also voted most talented out of his graduating class.

He married Jeralyn Shinn in 1988 and to this union, a daughter, Jordyn, was born.

Jimmy loved being outdoors and working with his hands. He worked hard on the farm hauling hay and spent countless hours welding and working in the mechanic shop. Jimmy loved listening to, singing, and collecting all different genres of music. For many years, he worked with children at the Oklahoma Crisis Intervention Center in Oklahoma City and the Oklahoma Youth Center in Norman.

He served as a member of the Citizen

Potawatomi Nation Business Committee from 2003 to 2007 and enjoyed singing at their gatherings. Jimmy attended the Pentecostal Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Coleman and Mable Snow and Frank and Nevil Sturgill, and his half-brothers, Richard Wyman Snow and Elton Sanders Jr.

He is survived by his parents, Alleen and Wyman Snow of Lexington; his daughter, Jordyn Snow of Lexington; a half-sister, Shelia Sanders of Lexington; a niece, Casey Wilson of Purcell; a nephew, Greg Snow of Missouri; 10 aunts and uncles; numerous cousins; and a host of other family and friends.

Grace Ellen Stanton



Grace Ellen 'Doodle' Stanton came into this world on April 13, 1989 and arrived in Heaven on May 21, 2011. In her brief 22 years, she made an amazing impact on this world. Grace was an imaginative, giving, bubbly person who lived her life to the fullest, and she would want everyone else to do the same. Gracie, you will be missed every minute of every day by so many.

While Grace is at peace, she leaves behind her loving parents, Jon and Mary Jo Stanton; four siblings, Allison Burge and her husband John, Jenna Stanton, Katie Baltz and her husband Nick, and Nicholas Stanton; and her beloved nephew, Aiden Burge. She also leaves behind her fiancé, Josh Thompson, whose life she saved. Among others she leaves behind are grand-

parents, Jo 'Granny' Cunningham, Herb 'Papa' Stanton, Earline 'Oma' Moulder, and David 'Opa' Plank.

Grace also leaves many adoring aunts, uncles, and cousins and numerous friends.

She was preceded in death by Windsor Wayne 'Pa Punky' Cunningham.

Visitation was on Thursday May 26, 2011 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. at Gorman-Scharpf Funeral Home with services on Friday, May 27, 2011 at 10 a.m. There was a private burial service at a later time.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Shiloh Cemetery, c/o Gorman-Scharpf, 1947 E Seminole, Springfield, Missouri 65804 would be appreciated. Online condolences may be left at www.gormanscharpf.com.

Don Roy Morris

Don Roy Morris passed away on January 1, 2010. He was born on July 30, 1948, the son of Everett and Florine Morris.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he enjoyed the great outdoors. Don served during the Vietnam War in 1966. After Vietnam, Don worked for 35 years for Champion, which was eventually bought out by CITGO.

He is survived by his wife, Vickie Morris; two daughters, Marya Morris and Dawn Jacks; a sister, Sherry Bryan; five grandchildren; and his three English Pointers.

Visitation was from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 8, 2010 at Seaside Funeral Home. A funeral service was held at 12:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 9, 2010 at the Seaside Funeral Home Chapel.

To view the guestbook, leave condolences, and share memories, please visit www.seasidefuneral.com.

Linda Jackson

ADA, Oklahoma - A Memorial and Wake service for Linda J. Jackson, 58, Ada was held at 7 p.m. on Sunday, July 24, 2011 at Criswell Funeral Home Chapel, Tommy Eaton officiated. A graveside service was held at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 25 at Five-Mile Cemetery east of Ada.

Mrs. Jackson died on Friday, July 22, 2011 at her home. She was born on May 30, 1953 in Richmond, California, the daughter of Tip S. and Marilyn (Ogee) Jackson.

She graduated from high school in California and attended Contracosta Community College for two years. She was employed with Laidlaw Transit, Inc. for 18 years and moved to the Ada area in Septem-

ber 2009 from Vacaville, California.

She married Larry Courtright on November 30, 1974.

Survivors include her husband, Larry Courtright of Corcoran, California; three brothers, Don T. Jackson and his wife Lynne of Vacaville, Thomas Hunt and his wife Cindy of Brentwood, California, and David Hunt and his wife Barbara of Rio Vista, California; two sisters, Susan Neuss and Vivian Dewey, both of Benicia, California; two uncles, Albion Ogee of Ada, and Tom Jackson of Purcell, Oklahoma; an aunt, Elise Byars of Hickory, Oklahoma; two nephews, Donald Jackson and his wife Tara of Ada and Troy Elston and his wife Wendy of Vacaville; a niece, Julie Gonzalez and her husband Alexis of Tracy, California; and numerous grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Obituaries may be viewed at and online condolences may be sent to www.criswellfh.com.

Earl Gene Macon

Earl Gene Macon was born on Thursday, January 15, 1931 in Tecumseh, Oklahoma. He passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at West Columbia, Texas at age 80 years, 5 months, and 14 days.

A funeral service was held at Baker Funeral Home in West Columbia on Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. with Billy Connor officiating. Interment was at Cedar Lawn Haven of Rest in West Columbia. Arrangements were handled by C. T. Baker & Sons, Inc. of West Columbia.

Mr. Macon is survived by a daughter, Brenda Lou Macon of Houston, Texas; two grandchildren, Todd Cumberland and his wife Iryna of Angleton, Texas and Amanda Cumberland Goyer and her husband Justin; two great-grandchildren, Ava Goyer and Jake Macon Goyer; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Nora Macon; his wife, Joyce Macon; two brothers, Laverne 'Curly' Macon and Burl Macon; and two sisters, Rovanna Macon and Nell Macon.

John Thomas Bergeron

John Thomas Bergeron was born on March 27, 1919 at Wanette, Oklahoma, the tenth of 14 children born to William Oliver and Maude Crystal (Evans) Bergeron. He was proud of his Citizen Potawatomi In-



dian, French, Irish, Dutch, and Scottish ancestry.

Seven brothers, four sisters, and his parents preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters, Alice Greenwalt, of Shawnee and Edith Walsh and her husband Richard of Poteau, Oklahoma; and 15 nieces and nephews.

He married Marjorie Aldridge in 1941, and they spent 63 happy years together before her death in 2004. They adopted newborn John Timothy in 1961, and he died at age 20.

Johnnie was converted at an early age and baptized in Little River by the Eagle Baptist Church. He was active in Southern Baptist Churches wherever he lived. He loved working with teenagers in Training Union and sports. He was ordained a deacon in 1959 and was a faithful tither.

John grew up in the Wanette, Maud, and Tecumseh vicinities. He started to school at Remus, west of Maud, and began high school at Bethel. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1935 and attended Draughan's Business College in Oklahoma City.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1940 to 1946 and the Reserves until 1953. A Bronze Star Medal was awarded him by the Commanding General, X Corps for military actions in Leyte and Mindanao, Philippine Islands. He was in the Normandy Invasion and accompanied the General to survey the results of the atomic bomb in Japan after World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1953 as a Second Lieutenant.

After retiring from Shell Pipeline Co., he moved to Earlsboro and enjoyed farm life, working with animals, especially his

horses. When asked why he had llamas, he said, "I guess it's because they make me laugh."

John was active in the Fairview Baptist Church. He was close to a sister's grandson and his wife, Joe and Tina Glasgow, who cared for him in his retiring years.

A funeral service was held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at Fairview Baptist Church in Earlsboro, with the Rev. Wayne Knight officiating. Burial preceded the service at Neal Cemetery, under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

To share memories or sign the online guestbook, go to www.cooperfuneral.com.

Averett Wilson Higbee



Known to all simply as 'Don,' Averett Wilson Higbee died peacefully at home in his bed the night of July 17, 2011, in his 93rd year of life.

Don grew up in depression-era Los Angeles. Although exempt from the draft because of his essential skills as a foundry pattern-maker, he enlisted in the Coast Guard where he attained the rank of ensign, skipping a buoy tender. He served in the Pacific theatre in WWII, and was recalled for the Korean War.

While in Hawaii, he put his ship out to sea in time to escape the devastation of a 1946 tsunami. While patrolling near Catalina Island, his ship rescued actors Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall when the dinghy of their yacht "Santana" lost its motor overboard. The thank-you note he received from Bogart was among his most

prized possessions.

Don Higbee lived in California, the Provence of France, and the island of Maui. He spent his final years near Port Townsend, Washington. He pursued a divergent career path which included real estate, medical administration, silk-screen printing, and operating a video-rental store. At the age of 62, a fork-lift accident crushed his left ankle, and he struggled with the resulting injuries for the rest of his life.

He was a proud tribal member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. He served his church as a deacon, and led the church youth group. An Eagle Scout himself, he taught knot-tying, lighting fires without matches, and making biscuits in an oven made of aluminum foil. He led the troop on camporees, in a drum and bugle corps, and on back-packing trips into the Sierra Nevada mountains of California.

One of Mr. Higbee's more exotic adventures involved an excursion through Death Valley, visiting ghost towns and natural features and meeting the old prospector aptly-named 'Seldom Seen Slim.'

On Maui, he snorkeled regularly at Mokapu and Ulua beaches for as long as his health permitted. But most knew him for operating a small, family video rental store in Haiku. He achieved a moment of fame at the age of 79 when he stole the gun from a masked robber who was assaulting the store.

A military honor guard saluted him at the Tahoma National Cemetery on August 8 at 11:00 a.m. in a public ceremony. Later, his ashes were taken to Aix-en-Provence in the south of France and placed beside his grandson Cedric, who was killed by a car at the age of 14. That was a tragedy which Don and the family never overcame.

Don Higbee is survived by his wife Susanne; four children, Wally, Wendy, Jim, and Steven; four grandchildren, Joanne, Laurel, Michael, and Alexis; and 3 great-grandchildren, Gabriel, Remi, and Bhuka.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests random acts of kindness.

George Lee Dansenburg

George Lee Dansenburg was born in Rossville, Kansas on September 1, 1921 at the home of his grandmother Lucinda (Thurber) Wade. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a direct descendant of Louis Vieux and his

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Potawatomi wife, Shanote (Charlotte).

As a young child, he was named "Shobosh" after renowned Potawatomi chief Chebass, a distant ancestor.

When war broke out on December 7, 1941 with the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, he enlisted at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas as a private. His enlistment papers stated that his enlistment was "for duration of War or other emergency plus six months, subject to the discretion of the President or otherwise according to law."

Pvt. Dansenburg was sent to Boeing Factory School in Seattle, Washington to learn as much as he could about B-17s, how to repair them and how to avoid crashing them, as well as teaching pilots and crew members all the dirty little tricks he had learned about preserving them. Then, he was shipped to Sebring, Florida to pick up planes destined for England.

He remained there for the duration of the war, building and maintaining planes for use overseas. He also flew reconnaissance missions over Cuba. George was scheduled to be shipped overseas to participate in the bombing of Berlin but, since he was one of few men able to rebuild the B-17s, he was kept in Florida along with about 25 others. While still in Sebring, he worked on B-24s, particularly those used by Doolittle's Raiders over China.

Following the war, he and his wife Betty returned to Wichita, where he worked several jobs in and around Wichita including for the Coca Cola company. At one time, he worked for a gasoline station. He eventually applied at the Boeing Airplane Company and was hired. In 1958 he was relocated by Boeing from Wichita to Seattle, where he and Betty lived until his retirement in 1982.

In Seattle, he was active with Dan's Boy Scout troop and took the family on many camping trips. He and Betty were active in square dancing, where they earned many patches, including the rare "Sons of the Beaches" patch. His hobbies included working with wood, camping, trailering, and daily cribbage games. He was a warm and loving man who was always ready to help someone in need, a legacy he passed on to his children and grandchildren.

Following retirement, the Dansenburgs moved to a home in Shorecrest, Washington, one they had built themselves around a tree stump and which overlooked Oakland Bay and Shelton. They also became "snowbirds," making numerous winter trips to Arizona.

In 2006, he and Betty put their beloved home in Shorecrest up for sale and moved to a three-bedroom apartment in Olympia, Washington to be nearer their doctors. In 2010, they moved again to Cedar Ridge Retirement Center in Bonney Lake, Washington, where he passed away on July 13, 2011, surrounded by his family. He was buried with full military honors in a ceremony conducted by a local American Indian Warrior Society. His ashes rest at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

George was preceded in death by his parents, George (Gracia) Dansenburg; his sister Elizabeth (Clem) Clark; and his great-grandson, Nolan Kenneth Campbell. He is survived by Betty, his wife of 68 years; his daughter Susan Campbell and her husband Eric; his son Dan Dansenburg; his five grandchildren Douglas Campbell and his wife Debbie, Jeremy Campbell, Rhian Campbell and her partner Sundee, Heidi North and her husband Matt, and Gary Dansenburg; and two great-grandsons Tyler and Kyle North.

Donations may be sent to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 28, Lihue, HI 96766.

FOR DADDY

And now it's time to rest awhile.
We who are left
will have to carry on without you.
Though the sky won't be quite so blue
the cedars as fragrant
the lights as bright.
Everything here has dimmed.
The earth has grown still

as it says farewell.
You were our guide,
our shield
our fortress.
And now once again
you guide us into uncharted territory
smoothing our path
lest we stumble on the way.
Always protecting.
Always loving.
Well done!

Susan Dansenburg Campbell

Ryan Thomas Hyatt



Ryan Thomas Hyatt, 22, beloved son of Leedrue and Sandy Hyatt, passed into the loving arms of our father on June 9, 2011 while working on the ranch he loved.

A celebration of his life was held on the morning of Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 10:30 at the First United Methodist Church. Rev. Ernie Vineyard, Pastor, officiated. Cremation was entrusted to the care of Baca's Funeral Chapels.

Ryan was born on October 26, 1988 in Las Cruces, New Mexico and was raised on his family's homestead at Cook's Peak, New Mexico. He attended Deming, New Mexico Public Schools and graduated in the Class of 2007. He was one semester from completing his bachelor's degree in Survey Engineering with a 3.6 GPA at New Mexico State University where he was on the Dean's List. He also worked for Torch Energy and at the Jornada Ranch.

Ryan was to be married on July 23, 2011 to the love of his life, Jessica MacDonald. After graduation, he planned to return to Deming with his new bride and work the family ranch with his father.

We will always remember Ryan for his work ethic, quick wit, sense of humor, and capacity to make everyone around him happy. Ryan excelled in everything he did. He was an excellent student, talented guitar player, accomplished hunter, and athletic football player. Ryan was a member of the FFA and 4-H. He was a true friend to many.

Ryan will be truly missed by his mother and father; sister Brady and her daughter Brooklyn of Deming; brother, Garrett and his wife Terra and their daughters Jesi and Cora of Minneapolis, Minnesota; his grandparents, Betty Hyatt of Deming and Siegfried and Phyllis Thunborg of Corrales, New Mexico; as well as aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, and all the people who were blessed to have known him.

Preceding him in death was his grandfather Thomas Leedrue Hyatt in 1984.

Honorary bearers are Seth and Benton Hyatt, Shaun and Scott Hightower, Phillip Duran, Bryce Herbert, Omar Solano, Virgil Mayberry, Cassel Keeler, Zach McDonald, Dexter Polley, Johnny Montes, Russell Johnson, Cameron Church, and Matt Schultz.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Ryan Hyatt Autism Fund, c/o First Savings Bank, 520 S. Gold or P.O. Box 1678, Deming, NM 88031.

To sign the online guest book or to send a card, please visit the funeral home website at www.bacasfuneralchapels.com.

Lillian Garrison Sanders

Lillian was born on December 5, 1912, in Tecumseh, Oklahoma, the daughter of Madison and Malvine Kennedy. Lillian spent her youth at the Sacred Heart boarding school for Native American Indian girls, which was established on the Citizen Band of Potawatomi Indians reservation near Asher, Oklahoma in 1877. Lillian was an outstanding student and devout Catholic and graduated high school there.

Married to Warren Garrison on October 31, 1931 in Geary, Oklahoma, Lillian spent the next decade share-cropping cotton and other crops with her husband.

Lillian moved to California in 1942, by



train, with her two young children and baby to join her husband at the beginning of the World War II industrial effort. She recalled the soldiers on the train being very attentive and excited about her baby son. When Lillian reached California, her first job was at Mare Island Naval Shipyard, working as a proverbial "Rosie the Riveter."

After the war in 1946, Lillian began her career at Sonoma State Home/Hospital where she was one of the first Garrisons to work at the hospital. This was the beginning of a six-decade family tradition of dedication to the clients of what is now known as the Sonoma Developmental Center. Lillian retired in 1973 as a senior psychiatric technician.

Lillian married her second husband, James Sanders, in 1973, several years after the passing of Warren Garrison.

Some of the most important accomplishments in Lillian's life were achieved as a very active member of St. Leo's Catholic Church. Described by Father Donahue as a "parish legend," Lillian was a founding member of the Lady's Guild. Lillian had a passion for organizing events and decorating the church and its halls. The east wing of St. Leo's Church was renamed in her honor after her countless hours of service. Lillian also tirelessly solicited and collected food donations from local merchants to ensure plenty of food supply for the hungry which was being provided by both St. Vincent DePaul and FISH.

Recently, Lillian was also honored as an elder of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation at its annual Tribal Area Gathering in Napa, California.

Lillian was preceded in death by her loving daughter, Rita; first-husband, Warren Garrison; second husband, James Sanders; mother and father; six brothers; and five

sisters.

Lillian is survived by her son, Warren Garrison, and his wife, Dorothy, of Sonoma; her son, Charles Garrison and his wife, Peggy, of McKinleyville, California; her son-in-law, Thomas Gregory, and his wife, Joan, of Palo Alto, California; and her step-daughter, Beverly Rushing, and her husband, Tom, of Valley Springs, California. Lillian is also survived by her 14 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren

Lillian, our loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother, the "glue" that keeps our family together, we love you and will miss you.

A funeral service was held on Wednesday, July 20, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Duggan's Mission Chapel, 525 W. Napa St. Following the funeral service, a Funeral Mass was held at St. Leo's Catholic Church at 11 a.m. A Vigil was held at Duggan's Mission Chapel on Tuesday evening, July 19 at 7 p.m. Entombment was at Mountain Cemetery. Visitation was at Duggan's on Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Donald Eugene 'Don' Holloway



Don was born on June 29, 1961 in Charleston, South Carolina, the son of Leon and Dorothy Marie (McKnight) Holloway. He departed this life on July 19, 2011 in Norman, Oklahoma at age 50.

Don moved to Cleveland County, Oklahoma in 1973 from Mobile Alabama with his family. He graduated from Noble High School and played football for the Noble Bears. He made his home in Norman and owned and operated the Holloway Heat and Air Co. in Norman. He was an avid sports fan; no matter what sport or player he could

quote the stats. He enjoyed playing golf. He was a gifted electronics wizard, able to fix anything.

Don was preceded in death by his mother. He is survived by his father, Leon, of the home; three brothers, Tommy Holloway of Norman, Michael Holloway and his wife Carolyn of Norman, and Bill Holloway and his wife Bonnie of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; one sister, Robin Ann Stumpe and her husband Eric of Aurora, Colorado; four nieces; Cari, Meaghan, Isabelle (Belle), and Angel; one nephew; Terry; and other relatives and friends.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at McMahan's Funeral Chapel in Noble, Pastor Richard Kerr officiated. Interment was at Maxwell Cemetery at Oil Center, Oklahoma.

Curtis Eugene 'Chip' Brown, Jr.



Curtis Eugene 'Chip' Brown, Jr., was born on February 1, 1962, in Tucumcari, New Mexico. Following a short illness, he departed this life on Monday, July 11, 2011, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 49.

Chip was the son of Curtis Eugene Brown, Sr., and Gayle (Elliott) McSpadden. He was a resident of Meeker, Oklahoma. He graduated from Eldorado High School in Albuquerque, New Mexico with the class of 1980. Chip moved from New Mexico to Meeker in 2000 and worked at Wolverine in Shawnee. He never met a stranger and always had a smile on his face. He especially loved all his family.

His father, sister, and maternal and paternal grandparents preceded Chip in death.

Survivors include his mother and step-

father, Gayle and Corry B. McSpadden of Meeker; step-brother, Corry Bryan McSpadden and his wife, Sarah, of Pearland, Texas; step-sister, Marlo Ellen Richey and her husband, Casey, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; cousin, Telisa Gray of Tucumcari; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives; and many friends.

A graveside memorial service was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 10:00 AM, at New Hope Cemetery in Meeker.

Lazelle Webb



Lazelle Webb, age 88, of Wanette, Oklahoma passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2011, at her home. She was born on September 19, 1922, the daughter of parents, E.W. and Annie (Laughlin) Bourassa, in Wanette.

Lazelle was raised in the Wanette area and was a 1939 graduate of Wanette High School. After graduating, she attended Oklahoma A & M. She moved to California during WWII and worked in the shipyards. Following the war, she returned to the Wanette area and had lived there since then.

She married Everette Bodine, who preceded her in death, and later married Tom Webb, who also preceded her in death.

Lazelle worked in nursing as a PA3 at Central State Hospital, retiring in 1977. She was a Citizen Potawatomi Nation member. Lazelle enjoyed traveling, knitting, and making Afghans for friends and family.

Lazelle was preceded in death by two husbands; her parents; one daughter, Sue Bodine; one brother, Dahl Bourassa; and one sister, Lucille Lewis;

She is survived by a son, David Bodine, of Wanette; a step-daughter, Rita Carol Sawyer and her husband Tom; a sister, Eva Smith of Pine Grove, California; a brother

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and two sisters-in-law, Jerry and Mabel Bourassa of Wanette and Jobyna Bourassa, of Woodward, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Julie and Steve Cowden, Chris and Deena McCain; four great grandchildren; and many friends and family.

The family has designated the Wanette Fire Department or Wanette Cemetery Fund as appropriate for memorials.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 at Wanette Cemetery Chapel with Karen McCullar of Hospice officiating. Burial followed at Wanette Cemetery under the direction of Cooper Funeral Home of Tecumseh.

To share memories or to sign the guest book on-line, go to www.cooperfuneral.com.

Johnny Ray Dean



Longtime Prague, Oklahoma resident Johnny Ray Dean departed this life on Friday, June 24, 2011 in an Oklahoma City hospital at the age of 64. He was born on November 9, 1946 in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the son of Lester George and Zona Oleta (Denney) Dean. He graduated from Prague High School with the class of 1965. He married Sandy L. Dukes on June 9, 1967, in Prague.

Johnny received an Associate's Degree from Eastern Oklahoma State College at Wilburton and had also completed studies at other major Oklahoma universities. He served four years in the U.S. Air Force, including two years in Germany. Johnny was an electronics technician. He worked for K&W Manufacturing in Prague and later for Exxon Mobil until his retirement in 2003. He then worked for the State of Oklahoma until retiring in January of 2010. He was a member of Garden Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents and father-in-law, Leonard Dukes.

Survivors include his wife, Sandy Dean,

of the home; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Jennifer Dean of Maumelle, Arkansas and Jason and Wendy Dean of Carl Junction, Missouri; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Richard Bailey of Canton, Texas and Gayle and Jim Lemonds of Sellersburg, Indiana; mother-in-law, Vera Dukes of Prague; a cousin who was like a brother, Luther 'Lou' Dean Jr. of Spencer, Oklahoma; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Patricia and Jerry Snyder of Tabacundo, Ecuador, Sherrie and Ray Lyon of Prague, Deborah and Ted Garcia of Brighton, Colorado; special friends, Jenny and Jerry Pratkan of Prague; grandchildren: Jessica, Joshua, Ryan, Jillian, Nathan, and Jonathan Dean; and many other relatives and friends.

The family received friends on Monday, June 27, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Parks Brothers Funeral Home in Prague. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, June 28 at Garden Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Prague with Bro. Charlie Clem and Bro. Jim Lemonds officiating. Interment followed at Garden Grove Cemetery.

Services were under the direction of Parks Brothers Funeral Service in Prague. A guest book is available online at www.parksbrothers.net.

Mark Hubert Spalding



Mark Spalding poses with Chairman John 'Rocky' Barrett at a Tribal Area Gathering.

Mark Hubert Spalding lost his struggle with lung cancer on August 8, 2011, at home with his wife by his side. Mark was born in Kansas City, Kansas in 1950. He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1974, and was a Vietnam veteran.

He was preceded in death by his father, Hubert Spalding; his birth mother, Ellen (Maxwell) Wells; and his sister, Betty Rentschler.

He is survived by his wife, Janet Spalding; mother, Ruth Spalding; sisters Sandra

Sutton, Janice Pound, Barbara Jordan, and Michelle Klaproth; brother James Douglas Gordon; sons Michael Mullens and Jason Spalding; daughter, Angela Demaree; stepsons Jared Jenkins and Raymond Ruble; and stepdaughters Caroline Corwine, Dorothy Shaner, and Bobbie Ruble. Additionally, he leaves behind 18 grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and cherished friends.

Mark started working at Jackson's Service Center in Edwardsville, Kansas in 1984, and was the Service Manager until his health failed in 2010. He started taking violin lessons about 10 years ago, and was learning to repair violins. He loved fishing, bowling, cats, and working on cars. He was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Indian Nation.

He was a very kind and compassionate friend to everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed.

Visitation was on Thursday night, August 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Maple Hill Funeral Home, in Kansas City, Kansas. Rosary was held at 6 p.m. A funeral service was held on Friday morning, August 12, at 10 a.m., also at Maple Hill Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Convoy of Hope in Joplin, Missouri. Please visit Mark's memorial website at www.maplehillfuneralhome.com.

Wanda Thies

Wanda Dolores Thies passed away at her home in Glasgow, Missouri on July 24, 2011 as a result of cancer. She was 73 years of age.

Mrs. Thies was born on September 4, 1937, the daughter of Albert F. and Kathryn E. Abeln Widmer. She graduated from Salisbury, Missouri High School, received a BS degree in Biology from Benedictine College and a Medical Technologist Degree (ASCP) from St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

She married Henry Francis 'Hank' Thies on April 15, 1961 in Salisbury.

Wanda worked as a Medical Technologist at St. Mary's Hospital and Cooper County Hospital and for 27 years at Boyce & Bynum Labs, retiring in 2002. She worked at Friemonth-Freese Funeral Home until the time of her death.

She was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, recently helping with the church renovation campaign. Often, she



was the lecturer for scripture readings and enjoyed quilting with the ladies of the church. She worked at the Glasgow Food Pantry and was always willing to help if someone needed her.

Survivors include her husband of 50 years Hank Thies; her son, Russ Thies of Bloomfield, Indiana; her daughter Terri McGrath and her husband Thomas; three granddaughters, Lucia, Sasha, and Callie McGrath, all of Alpharetta, Georgia; three sisters, Karen McFadden and her husband Norman of Salisbury, Donna Widmer of Columbia, Missouri, and Linda Flaspohler of Moberly, Missouri; two brothers, Wayne Widmer and his wife Therese of Columbia and Dale Widmer and his wife Dana of Salisbury; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Tony and Aileen Thies of Glasgow; and a number of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Kenny, and two nephews, Curtis McFadden and Frank Rodgers.

A funeral mass was held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 28, 2011 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Glasgow. Father Joseph Shetler officiated. Visitation was held from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday July 27 at the Friemonth-Freese Funeral Home, with a Rosary being said at 5 p.m. Memorials are suggested to St. Mary's School, care of Friemonth-Freese Funeral Service, 112 Market St., Glasgow, MO 65254.

Steve Kime named as one of six PHS alumni honorees

CPN member to be honored in Perry, Oklahoma

(Editor's Note: Citizen Potawatomi Nation member Steve Kime has been selected one of six Perry, Oklahoma High School graduates who will be honored in September 2011 as members of the seventh annual Perry High School Alumni Association Honor Roll. This is Kime's profile, as it appeared recently in the Perry newspaper.)

Steve Kime was born and raised and attended schools in Perry, Oklahoma. He is the son of the late Bess Kime and brother to Judy (Kime) Haxton and Kathy (Kime) Bridges.

Steve participated in all sports, wrestling through junior high school and then switching to basketball and also playing football and serving as captain of the track team. He was one of the first, if not the first, PHS graduates to be awarded a track scholarship to college.

Steve's father left the family while Steve was in lower elementary school. He recalls with gratitude the positive influences on his life of Chaplain Ben Bland of the Perry Memorial Hospital, Wilbur Toone, custodian of the elementary school, and the First Baptist Church, where he and his two sisters attended.

Kime attended Southern Arkansas University in Magnolia. Arkansas, then obtained his Radio-Telephone Broadcast license from Elkins Institute. He later earned his Bachelor of Liberal Studies degree from the University of Oklahoma and his Master's of Management degree from Oral Roberts University.

He is the author of two books, *How Will They Remember Me?* and *Highway to Your Dream!* In 2006, Steve served as the project manager for the Oklahoma Centennial coffee-table book entitled **JOURNEY**. He presented former Governor Brad Henry a copy



In 2009, Steve Kime (fifth from left) received a proclamation creating a Steve Kime Day from then-Gov. Brad Henry. Then-State Education Secretary Sandy Garrett is at left. Then-Lt. Gov. Jari Askins is at right.

of this 192-page historical book.

Steve held his first broadcasting job in Liberal, Kansas for about a year. Then, he moved to Enid, Oklahoma, where he was in broadcasting for about four years. Following that, he spent the remainder of his career in broadcasting in Bartlesville, from the 1970s through the 1990s.

For over a decade, Kime directed a ministry to the homeless in Tulsa. He has been a champion and worker for the Special Olympics. Steve was recognized by former Governor Frank Keating for his philanthropic work on behalf of the Special Olympics and was awarded the honor of "Steve Kime Day" in the state of Oklahoma on April 5, 2001. Kime was selected to receive the prestigious award from the Oklahoma State House of Representatives in 2001, again for his work on behalf of the Special Olympics.

Steve gained fame for his 397-mile run

across Oklahoma on historic Route 66 to raise funds for Special Olympics Oklahoma. He dressed during the run as the movie character Forrest Gump. After a 20-year career in the corporate broadcasting world, Steve now often serves as a motivational speaker and consultant to Fortune 500 companies. He is executive director of the Oklahoma Continuity Institute, a statewide non-profit organization. He and his wife, Dr. Cheryl Lovett Kime, make their home in Oklahoma City, where they attend the Church on the Rock. Steve is also active in Rotary Club.

Steve's treasured memories of Perry and his roots there are re-enforced by his 50-year-old, solid chrome, as-good-as-new bicycle (bought from Leonard Mays' Western Auto store) and the desk at which he did his homework in junior and senior high school. Both are on display in his home. In Perry he learned how to take good care of things!

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adopted governance and operational documents, along with strategic priorities to move the joint rights-based initiative to the next level of implementation through the UN multi-donor trust fund mechanism. The Board identified focus countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America for the start-up phase based on where the ground is fertile, and where indigenous peoples' organizations are working together with UN partners.

Key thematic priorities were identified: legislative review and reform; access to justice, and strengthening of indigenous customary law and justice systems; access to land and ancestral territories; the impact of extractive industries on indigenous peoples; the right to education and health, and the rights of indigenous women, children and youth. Some additional global priorities would look at aid effectiveness, and traditional conflict prevention and resolution mechanisms of indigenous peoples.

Policy Board member Raja Devasish Roy said, "The Partnership is unique because it will contribute to making indigenous people's rights a priority in national contexts, especially in laws and policies."

UNIPP Policy Board Meets at the ILO Headquarters in Geneva. The Board was formally launched in New York with support from the UN Secretary General on May 20, 2011. The Secretary General called on member states to lend their financial and political commitment to the Partnership.

Members of the Policy Board include indigenous experts, and the International Labour Organisation, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, United Nations Development Program, United Nations Children's Fund, and United Nations Population Fund.

Riley is Professor of Law at the UCLA School of Law and Director of the UCLA American Indian Studies Center. She is also the Director of UCLA's J.D./M.A. joint degree program in Law and American Indian Studies. Her research focuses on issues related to indigenous peoples' rights, with a particular emphasis on cultural property and Native governance. Her work has been published in the Yale Law Journal, Columbia Law Review, California Law Review, Washington Law Review, and others. She received her undergraduate degree at the University of Oklahoma and her law degree from Harvard Law School.

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CPN member's Dance troupe successful in Czech contest - again

County Dance Conservatory, which is owned by Citizen Potawatomi Nation member J. Davis Hobdy, has returned from its ninth appearance at New Prague Dance Festival 2011 in Prague, Czech Republic with two new honors. Musical comedy/theater choreography by School Director Hobdy received 3rd Prize/Dance Theatre. The school's performance art work set by Hobdy to *Blowin' in the Wind* with a projection show formatted by Paulette Moynihan received the City of Prague Prize for its moving interpretation of history and integration of disciplines.

Performers from the school attending this year's festival included School Directors Ken Armstrong and J. Davis Hobdy as well as student performers Allison Bobby, Salvia Lani, Paulette Moynihan, and Tomoko Thompson. Represented this year at the 15th anniversary edition of New Prague Dance Festival were schools from Belgium, Greece, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Poland, Russia, Spain, Switzerland, and Turkey, along with two other



Dancers pictured left to right are Tomoko Takata Thompson, Allison Bobby, Ken Armstrong, J. Davis Hobdy, Paulette Moynihan, and Salvia Lani. Photo courtesy New Prague Dance Festival and United Art.

schools from the USA.

County Dance Conservatory was founded in Deale, Maryland in 1992 by J. Davis Hobdy. Hobdy has served on the Board of Directors for the Dallas Dance Council and has lectured at Unesco's International Dance Council's Congress on Dance Research. Over the past nine years, County Dance Conservatory has received numerous awards at New Prague Dance Festival in Prague, Czech Republic and at

the European Festival of Dance and Performing Arts in Paris, France. The performing companies have appeared locally at Anne Arundel County Fair, Marlborough Day, South County Relay for Life, Chesapeake Pride Festival, and National Cherry Blossom Festival in Washington, DC.

For more information about County Dance Conservatory visit www.county-danceconservatory.com or call 410-353-8301.

Potawatomi Poetry

The Truth

The teaching of God
of my heritage and life
reveal within
a holy and wonderful story.

I speak of Truth,
the Truth of valor,
the Truth of courage,
and of why we are here.

The battle is not won
on the fields of death,
but by power of spirit
and our very best.

I prepare for battle
at the age of sixty,
the battle against vanity
and of desolate waters.

I reach in my soul
and find that I am,
that the Miracle of victory,
is both the Lion and the Lamb.

*Max Boatman, CPN member
May 8, 2011*



PARTNER RAPE

Real Rape. Real Pain.

What is Partner Rape?

Partner rape happens when your spouse or partner has sex with you without your consent. This includes if you feel pressured, threatened or coerced into participating in any type of sex when you don't want to, or if you are physically forced into sex. It is generally part of an ongoing abusive relationship, but may also happen as an isolated incident within a relationship that is otherwise respectful and equal. It can happen between a man and a woman or partners of the same sex.

How can you be raped by your partner?

Sometimes people have difficulty understanding how unwanted sex with someone you have previously been or are currently sexually intimate with could be considered 'rape'. Some people who have been pressured or forced into sex with a current or ex-partner feel uncomfortable labelling their experience as 'rape' and their partner as a 'rapist'. Regardless of what you choose to call the experience, and whether or not you report it to the police, support is always available.

Effects of Partner Rape

Coming to terms with being sexually assaulted by your partner can be hard. It can be difficult to imagine how someone who you love and trust can hurt you in this way. The sense of betrayal and disbelief may be overwhelming. Survivors of partner rape often feel that they are to blame. They may feel guilty, ashamed, or responsible for keeping the assault a secret. This can lead to depression, anger and loss of confidence and self-esteem. It isn't uncommon for a survivor to disassociate emotionally and feel numb or detached from their abusive partner. They may also feel they'll never be able to trust anyone or be in an intimate relationship again.

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What if it's happening to me?

If you're in a situation where you're being sexually assaulted by a current or ex-partner, it can sometimes feel like you have no way out. Regardless of whether you want to stay with your partner or not, there are some things you can do to access support for yourself and try to bring a stop to the abuse.

Keep in contact with friends and family members. Your offending partner may try and isolate you from the people who care about you in an attempt to remain in control of you and the relationship. Keeping in contact with your support systems may provide a link to freedom from the abuse.

Confide in others. Many survivors feel they should keep the rape a secret as they feel embarrassed or ashamed, or don't want to betray their partner. Silence allows the offender to continue their behaviour.

You can gain emotional support from talking to others about what's happening. Investigate your options. There are various agencies in your area that offer support to people who are affected by partner rape.

For assistance call the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Family Violence Program at 405.275.3176

